

44th National Junior Division Debate Tournament
Mid-America CEDA Champs
Johnson County Community College
March 11 – 13, 2017

Friends:

I would like to invite you to attend the 2017 National Junior Division Debate Tournament. All debaters who meet the CEDA definition for Junior Varsity eligibility are encouraged to enter the NJDDT. It will offer 6 rounds of policy debate in the JV division. In addition, we will offer a separate tournament for the Novice division. Under the title of the Mid-America CEDA Championships, the novice division will offer 6 rounds of policy debate. The following information should help you with your arrangements.

Highlights:

- A courtesy block is set up at the Crowne Plaza. This block will offer a reduced rate based on availability. Please make your reservations ASAP to ensure space
- We will not provide breakfast in the mornings, but the hotel rate includes breakfast buffet for 2 guests per room. Those commuting are encouraged to eat at home.
- We will have 6 prelim rounds in JV and Novice with the first elimination round being on Sunday night.
- We will provide only provide coffee in the morning and dinner on Sunday
- Awards will be Sunday night during dinner.

If you have any questions, or if I can be of any other assistance, do not hesitate to contact me. Please join us in March for what I expect to be a competitive and rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

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LODGING:

The tournament hotel for the NJDDT will be the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12601 West 95th Street, Lenexa, KS 66215. This is the same hotel we have used for the past several years.

The rate for each room is \$95.00. The rate includes breakfast each morning for 2 hotel guest per room

The block is in the system as National Jr. Division Debate Tournament. The block code is NJD. Please have your guests call our sales office directly to make reservations. The number is 913-217-1004. Our administrative assistant, Tiffany, has been briefed and she'll be happy to take reservations. *She'll be back in the office Monday at 8 AM.*

They may also email her the reservation requests directly at tnoble@mkccp.com. They will need to provide credit card information to guarantee their rooms. I have attached a credit card authorization form with the information we need if your guests prefer to take the email route.

Our Hotel contact for reservations should you have any problems is

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We would like for you to utilize this hotel and breakfast as we **WILL NOT BE PROVIDING BREAKFAST AT THE TOURNAMENT**. In order to substantially cut down catering costs with the school, we negotiated this to accommodate our tournament. The schedule has been adjusted to allow for a reasonable start time for rounds while still being able to eat breakfast at the hotel.

ENTRIES & FEES:

There is no limit on entries provided there are judges to cover them. It is difficult to find hired judges and difficult for us to pay them due to administrative hurdles on our campus, so please let me know early if you need to hire and I will see what can be done. Limited hired judging will be available at \$120 per uncovered team. I encourage you to find your own judging and make arrangements individually if possible.

Fees: \$30 per person (a person is any debater, coach, judge or observer you bring). Make checks payable to Johnson County Community College. Fees cover coffee each morning, Dinner on Sunday, snacks, drinks and awards.

Drop FEE: Any drops in judges or debate teams after the entries close at 9:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7th, 2017 will still incur the per person fees due to our obligations with the catering contract.

We will use the tabroom.com Entry System. Entries are due by 9:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2017.

JUDGING:

Each judge covers 2 teams or portion thereof. One team requires a 3 round commitment, and two teams requires a 6 round commitment, etc. Please do not enter full-commitments for judges you know are not easily place-able. If we cannot place a school's designated judge, then we may ask for increased commitments from other judges from that school. We have spent a lot of money the past few years hiring judges to help with placement, but we are restricted in that ability this year.

Each judge is expected to render a decision within 2 ½ hours during prelims and 2 hours and 45 minutes in elims. The tab room may extend only in situations with unforeseen circumstances.

ALL JUDGES ARE COMMITTED FOR THE FIRST FULL OUTROUND AND MUST BE AVAILABLE TO JUDGE ONE ROUND AFTER HIS/HER TEAMS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED.

****We will not accept current undergraduate debaters as judges for either division****

DIVISIONS:

The NJDDT is open to all debaters eligible for Junior Varsity divisions as defined by the CEDA by-laws for the JV National Championship exception which is anyone in their first 2 years of college debate. Please remember eligibility is no longer determined by semesters, it is the year count. The Mid-America CEDA Championships is open to all debaters eligible for the Novice divisions. We will adhere to the CEDA guidelines for eligibility in each division.

TOPIC:

Each division will use the 2016 – 2017 policy debate topic. Time limits for the tournament are 9-3-6 with 10 minutes prep.

DEBATES:

In both preliminary and elimination rounds, judges will be required to make a decision awarding one team a win, one team a loss, and award speaker points and ranks to each participant in the debate. The number of elimination rounds will be based on the entries within each division. Elimination round participants will be determined by (1) win-loss record, (2) adjusted speaker points, (3) total speaker points. Brackets will NOT be broken in elimination rounds.

Some form of judge preference will be used in both divisions to adhere to CEDA Constitutional requirements.

Hybrid teams are eligible to compete and qualify for elimination rounds. JCCC teams may participate in the tournament and advance to elimination rounds. Maverick teams will not be permitted to enter the tournament. In the event of illness, a single debater may debate 2 rounds alone, but may not be allowed to clear based on the tournament director's discretion.

The NJDDT and the MACC support and will comply with the CEDA Statement on Sexual Harassment and Discrimination and the Statement of Ethical Principles.

AUDIO and VIDEO RECORDING:

All rounds (defined as the speeches of the participants) are open to registered tournament participants and may be electronically recorded for private educational use by tournament participants (registered coaches, debaters and helpers, and JCCC tournament staff) only. Public distribution of such recordings is expressly prohibited unless prior written consent of all people on the recording is obtained and unless prior written consent of the Johnson County Community College is obtained. Private sharing for educational use is permitted.

AWARDS:

We will have awards for selected elimination participants, top speakers and top judges.

*SMOKING POLICY – JCCC is a smoke free campus. Individuals are only permitted to smoke in their vehicles or off campus property. Please abide by this policy as per

college guidelines

SCHEDULE: All rounds are held on JCCC campus

Round 1 9:00 AM-11:30 AM

Round 2 11:30 – 2:00

Lunch on your own 2:00 – 3:00

Round 3 3:00 – 5:30

Round 4 8:30 AM-11:00 AM

Lunch on your own following round 4

Round 5 12:00 PM-2:30 PM

Round 6 2:30 PM-5:00 PM

Elim 1 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Monday, March 16, 2015

*Breakfast at hotel/your home (NO food at JCCC)

8:00 a.m. Pairings/Panels released online

9:00 a.m. Elimination Rd at JCC.

subsequent eliminations rounds will immediately follow