Dear Coach:

 You and your debaters are cordially invited to the annual Wichita East High School Invitational Debate Tournament, to be held on Friday and Saturday, October 6-7, 2017. This year we will have a DCI division, a Kansas Debate Classic (KDC) division (formerly open), and a novice divisions at our tournament. The DCI and KDC divisions will compete on both Friday and Saturday. The novices will compete on Saturday only.

 DCI is a varsity division meant for your top teams and those teams whom compete on the DCI circuit. We will put our best and most-experienced judges in this division. All teams entering this division are asked to provide one experienced judge for every two teams. There will also be an all-coaches round during round four in this division. JV teams (both second year) who do not break will be eligible for a breakout into a semifinal bracket. Please mark these entries when you register. There will be six preliminary rounds of debate in this division, and we will break to quarterfinals. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the top 8 teams and top 10 speakers in this division. The top 16 teams will receive bid points toward qualifying for the Debate Coaches Invitational in January.

The KDC division is meant for those students who prefer a traditional style of debate, and will be judged primarily by community members. This division has traditionally been labeled “open” at our tournament, but this year we wish to accommodate all students who wish to engage in a less technical debate than the varsity division. There will be six preliminary rounds of debate in this division, and we will break to quarterfinals. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the top 8 teams and top 10 speakers in this division. The top 16 teams will receive bid points toward qualifying for the Kansas Debate Classic in January.

 Novice Division will take place on Saturday only and will be limited to teams that have not participated in debate prior to this season. It will feature five rounds. The top three teams will receive trophies, and the top eight teams and speakers will receive medals.

 All divisions will be direct power-matched, with two preset rounds. Sweepstakes will be based on the school with the best four team record, with no more than three entries counted in each event. Each school may be represented by a maximum of four entries in any division. All registration is available on Tabroom.com and will open Friday, August 25th at 5:00 pm. All new entries must be made no later than Monday, October 2 at 5:00 pm. Fees will be frozen at this time. Name changes will be allowed until October 5th at 5:00 and any adjustments after this time are subject to a penalty fee. All entries will be waitlisted at registration, and you will receive a timely email when we have accepted them from the waitlist. If you would like extras we should be able to accommodate them. Please indicate via email to me which four teams are your first four to be admitted from the waitlist.

 On Friday, the ONLY entrance to the building is Door #4 on the south side of the building. Park in the south parking lot—not the circle drive. Registration will be just inside this Door #4; you and your students will be directed to the dining room where you MUST stay until school is dismissed. If you arrive between 3:30 and 3:45, our parking lot is a mess.

 Enclosed are our tournament guidelines. We sincerely hope that your school will be represented at our tournament, and look forward to seeing you all in a few short weeks!

Sincerely,

Mike Harris

Director of Debate and Forensics

GENERAL REGULATIONS

DEBATE TOPIC: The current KSHSAA-approved resolution.

TOURNAMENT STYLE: DCI and KDC will be six prelims breaking to quarters, and novice will be five rounds. All teams will debate a pre-set 1st round. Other rounds will be power-matched, based on tiebreaks using the SOP method (email with questions). Novice division may be power-lag matched.

Each team will debate both sides of the resolution with 8-3-5 time limits \

FEES: Fees are $6.00 per team. If your school does not host a debate

 tournament, the entry fee is $10 per team. This fee must be paid for

any team cancelled after Thursday, October 5. A penalty fee may be

applied for late entries or adjustments.

ENTRIES: Entries should be made on Tabroom.com by Monday Oct. 2 at 5:00 pm Entries will be prioritized by (1) schools who host tournaments to which we are invited, (2) schools who host tournaments, and (3) all others.

FORFEITS: Any team more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit the

 decision, subject to the discretion of the tournament manager. In any

 forfeit decision, the winning team will receive a 1-2 speaker point win

 and the losing team will receive a 3-4 speaker point loss.

SCHEDULE: Friday, October 7 Saturday, October 8

 3:00 p.m. Registration 8:00 a.m. Round IV (Nov I)

 4:00 p.m. Round I 9:30 a.m. Round II (Novice)

 5:45 p.m. Round II 10:00 a.m. Round V

 7:45 p.m. Round III 11:00 a.m. Round III (Novice)

12:00 p.m. Round VI

1:15 p.m. Round IV (Novice)

 2:00 p.m. Postings

 2:30 p.m. Quarters (Nov V)

 3:00 p.m. Round V (Novice)

 4:30 p.m. Semis

 6:30 p.m. Finals

JUDGING: One judge will be used in each round. Any coaches or sponsors could be asked to judge, so please advise sponsors of this possibility. One judge per two teams is required for entries in the DCI division. Judges will be considered “clean” at the beginning of quarters. May 2017 graduates

 may be judging. Third and fourth-year debaters will judge in the

 novice division.

AWARDS: Medals will be awarded to all teams in quarter-final rounds; medals and

trophies will be awarded to teams in semis and finals and to the top 4 teams in novice division. A sweepstakes award will be given to the school with the best four-team record, with no more than three entries counted in one division. Breaks and placing will be determined after 6 rounds by (1) win-loss record, (2) ranks, (3) opposition record, and (4) speaker points, in that order.

JV BREAKOUT The top four JV teams in the DCI division (both partners are second year debaters) will break out into a semifinal bracket if they do not clear in DCI

PREP TIME 8 minutes in DCI/KDC, 5 minutes in varsity

TAB ROOM: The Tab Room will be open and results will be available on Tabroom.com

SCOUTING: Spectators are welcome to watch teams from their own schools, but

 must be seated away from the competitors.

INVOICES: May be printed directly from your registration on Tabroom.com

INTERNET ACCESS: This tournament will NOT follow KSHSAA guidelines concerning wireless access. Teams may use electronic email chains to send speech documents to expedite the flashing process. This is the ONLY allowable use of wireless during the round. Evidence retrieval or communication with others during the round through the use of the wireless connection will result in an automatic loss and possible disqualification of the team for further competition at the tournament. DON’T CHEAT!

BRACKETS Brackets will be broken in quarterfinals to protect schools who afford us the same luxury, but semis and finals will not be broken.

MAVERICKS No maverick or 3 person teams will be allowed to compete. The tournament may allow a maverick debate AT THE DIRECTOR’S DISCRETION if it will avoid a bye and allow for more experience. However, the maverick team will be given a 3-4 loss regardless of the judge’s decision in the round.

CLIPPING Clipping will be considered a form of cheating that must be made as an argument during the debate round. In no circumstance should a judge stop the round to address this issue, but may base their decision on the clipping claims if there is evidence to validate the concerns (speech docs)