

Dear Debate Coach:

You and your squad are invited to participate in the **Lawrence High Invitational Debate Tournament**, to be held on **November 30 - December 1, 2018**.

This tournament will have **Varsity KDC**, and **Open** divisions. **Varsity KDC** is the KDC qualifying division, **Open** is the division for everyone else. We will offer a **Sophomore break-out in the KDC division**. We promise a wide variety of judging styles, so come prepared to adapt to anything. Sponsors are expected to be on standby to judge. We will only use them if we have no other choices.

Each school may enter up to **four teams** in the tournament. Entries will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Emailed entries are preferred. Preference will be given to those who have provided entries to us, then East Kansas NSDA, then first come, first served. Extras will be given if we have space available, with precedence given to those who gave us extras. Typically, I can't offer extras to a school, unless you gave us extras. Entry fees will be \$5 per team. Cancellations after November 27th will still make you liable for the entry fees. I will confirm extra entries no later than Wed. November 28th.

All divisions will consist of 5 preliminary rounds, and three elimination rounds of competition. We will be using the standard 8-3-5 time limit format, with 5 minutes of prep time. Rounds 1 and 2 will be preset, Round 3, 4 and 5 will be delay power matched. Any team more than 10 minutes late through no fault of the tournament will forfeit that round on a 3-4. We will instruct our judges to be expecting debate over this year's topic **Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reduce its restrictions on legal immigration to the United States**.

In elimination rounds, all judges will be considered clean. The higher seeded team will get to pick the side they want to defend in the debate, unless the teams have met previously. In this case, the teams will be locked to debate on the opposite sides as their previous meeting. Seedings will be determined by wins, then Opp Wins, then speaker points, then Opp Speaker points. All other KSHSAA rules will be in effect. There will be no internet access for those competing in the tournament.

Awards will be given to the top eight teams in all divisions. The sweepstakes award will be awarded to the school with the best cumulative four-team record in the preliminary rounds, composed of the best record in each division, plus two 'at large' records. There will also be a combined sweepstakes award with the Free State H.S. tournament. It will be awarded during the awards assembly at Free State.

On Friday, our school gets out at 3:10 and traffic can be difficult. This is why we will not open registration until 3:15.

We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

Jeff Plinsky
Debate Coach

Invoice for:

**Lawrence High School
Invitational Debate Tournament
Dec. 1 & 2, 2017**

_____ High School would like to enter

_____ team(s) in Varsity DCI _____ extras

_____ team(s) in Open KDC _____ extras

in the Lawrence Invitational. At \$5 per team, my entry fee is \$_____ and will be paid :

at registration / by mail in advance. (circle one)

Coach's Name (print) _____ School Phone _____

Coach's Signature _____ Cell Phone _____

Make checks payable to:

Lawrence High School Debate
1901 Louisiana
Lawrence, KS 66046

Attn: Jeff Plinsky

Questions? The easiest way to contact me is by e-mail:

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Schedule: Friday, Dec. 1

3:15 registration (cafeteria)

3:45 Round 1

5:30 Round 2

Saturday, Dec. 2

8:00 Round 3

9:45 Round 4

11:30 Round 5

1:15 Results

1:30 Quarter Finals

3:15 Semi-Finals

5:00 Finals