



SHAWNEE MISSION EAST DEBATE

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Dear Coach and Debaters,

You are cordially invited to the 62nd annual Shawnee Mission East Invitational Debate Tournament on Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9, 2019. The SM East Invitational Tournament will feature 5 preliminary rounds with quarters, sems, and finals in three divisions, described below.

Varsity Division (DCI): This division is for your most competitive teams. We will have a variety of judges in this division. Most of them will be experienced community judges, former high school debaters, or current/former college debaters.

Open Division (KDC): The name speaks for itself.

JV Division: This division is limited to 1st and 2nd year debaters only.

Please enter at this link: <http://smedebate.tabroom.com>

You may request up to four teams total in any combination of the divisions. Your teams beyond 4 will be waitlisted unless we have a reciprocal agreement. Please prioritize your waitlisted teams on tabroom, or email me and let me know the preference. We will have to cap the total number of teams to 150. We will give entries and extras in the following order: 1) Reciprocal obligations, 2) Shawnee Mission schools, 3) EKNSDA schools, 4) those whose tournaments we have attended or plan on attending this year, 5) first come, first serve. The entry deadline is Friday, October 26th (we might fill up before that). Entries are not confirmed until removed from the waitlist.

Hope to see you on November 8th and 9th!

Sincerely,

Trey Witt
Head Debate Coach

SME DEBATE TOURNAMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES:

- 1) The 2019-2020 national policy resolution will be debated.
- 2) The tournament will be cross-examination style with 8-3-5 time limits. Prep time will be 8 minutes per round.
- 3) Schools entering teams in the varsity/DCI division should plan on bringing 1 judge per 2 teams. Judges can be entered on tabroom. All other coaches and sponsors will be used to judge if necessary. If you are sending a sponsor, please send one capable of judging. Any school that does not fulfill a judging request will have the judge removed from a room in which one of its teams is debating and will forfeit that round with a 3-4 loss.
- 4) With the exception of extreme circumstances as determined by the tournament management, any team more than 10 minutes late to a round through no fault of the tournament will forfeit with a 3-4 loss.
- 5) Brackets will be broken in both preliminary and elimination rounds to avoid schools hitting themselves. If we have a conflict in out-rounds where there are multiple schools with multiple teams, we will first accommodate schools who have broken brackets for us in the past.
- 6) Judges will be considered "clean" at the beginning of elimination rounds and may see a team a second time in elimination rounds.
- 7) Tournament management reserves the right to handle difficulties in a way that seems fair to us. We will not be following discretionary KSHSAA rules. Laptops will be allowed following KSHSAA rules. Teams are responsible for their own chargers, power strips, etc. Guest wifi will be provided for the purpose of email chains (but the wifi is not always dependable).
- 8) There will be 5 preliminary rounds. Each team will be guaranteed 3 rounds on one side and two on the other. Rounds 1 and 2 will be pre-set. 3-5 will be power-matched.
- 9) We will break to quarterfinals in all 3 events.
- 10) Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top 3 schools, based on best 4 team record (at least 2 teams in KDC or DCI). As usual, there will also be a combined SME/SMW traveling sweeps trophy. Schools eligible for sweeps at each tournament will be in contention for the traveling trophy, which will be awarded to the school with the most sweeps wins at both tournaments.

Tournament Schedule:

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| Friday, November 8 | Saturday, November 9 |
| Registration: 3:00 pm | Round 4: 8:00 am |
| Round 1: 3:30 pm | Round 5: 10:00 am |
| Round 2: 5:15 pm | Postings: ASAP |
| Round 3: 7:00 pm | Quarterfinals: 12:30 pm |
| | Semifinals: 2:30 pm |
| | Finals: 4:30 pm |

Shawnee Mission East Invitational Entry Form (only for bookkeeping purposes)

SCHOOL: _____
COACH: _____
ADDRESS: _____
SCHOOL PHONE: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
FAX: _____ EMAIL: _____

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| VARSAITY: | _____ | EXTRAS: | _____ |
| OPEN: | _____ | EXTRAS: | _____ |
| JV: | _____ | EXTRAS: | _____ |

Total Number of Teams: _____ @ \$5.00 per entry = _____

Cancellations after November 1 are non-refundable!!!

Please return this form with payment to:

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