

## Invitation for the Olathe “That’s what Friends Are For” Tournament

**Date:** September 19, 2020

**Format:** Virtual, using DIY Zoom rooms (breakout rooms) for competition and Tabroom.com for tournament management. We will do 4 rounds. First 2 rounds will be pre-set so all teams get 1 Aff and 1 Neg. Rounds 3 and 4 will be delay-powered off of 1st and 2nd round respectively. Every attempt will be made to ensure 2 Aff and 2 Neg rounds for all teams.

**Schools invited:** All 5 Olathes, Paola, Bishop Miege, Spring Hill, Louisburg.

**Target competition audience:** 2nd or 3rd year debaters who need a “safe space” to get their feet under them for this year’s topic and format. Debaters should be prepared to compete in all rounds. All debaters must have tabroom.com accounts.

**Target observer audience:** Novice debaters so they get a sense of what rounds look like and can practice rudimentary flowing/note taking skills.

**Entry limits:** 4 teams per school. Schools must provide judges (1 judge for 1 or 2 teams, 2 judges for 3 or 4 teams at minimum. Extra judges would be nice). Judges must have tabroom.com accounts and should meet the KSHSAA standard for judges (i.e. no current debaters should be judging. This tournament will not have a novice section.)

**Entry fees:** None. Please bring judges instead.

**Schedule:** See below

8:00AM Digital Check-In for the tournament

8:15AM Pairing R1

8:30AM Digital Check-in for R1

8:45AM Start Time R1

10:45AM Decision Time R1

11:15AM Pairing R2

11:30AM Digital Check-in for R2

11:45AM Start Time R2

1:45PM Decision Time R2

1:45PM–2:15PM Lunch Break

2:15PM Pairing R3

2:30PM Digital Check-in for R3

2:45PM Start Time R3

4:45PM Decision Time R3

5:15PM Pairing R4

5:30PM Digital Check-in for R4

5:45PM Start Time R4

7:45PM Decision Time R4

**Awards:** No sweeps. Olathe Northwest will provide some shiny medals to award the top 6 teams based upon win/loss record, speaks, opp wins, opp speaks, coin toss.

**Tournament staff:** Richard will take the lead on organizing the tournament and overseeing the tournament on competition day. We will need/want other coaches to monitor rooms, troubleshoot technical issues, etc. Tabbing will be done on tabroom, as will ballot distribution, scheduling, etc.

Registration: **This is a CLOSED tournament. If you wish to compete in this friendly competition, please email your intention to do so to me at [rbelskeon@olatheschools.org](mailto:rbelskeon@olatheschools.org) by September 10, 2020. You will also need to email me the names of your teams, judges, etc. so I can register them for you. Once I have registered them for you, you will be able to access the tournament via Tabroom.com. Also, please do not share this invite with uninvited schools. We are attempting to keep this small so that our students, judges, and, honestly, we can get comfortable with this technology and new competition world.**

**Please let me know if you have any questions.**

**On behalf of all five Olathe Debate Programs,**

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