



Piper High School

Debate Invitational

4400 N. 107th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66109

Saturday, October 31, 2020

Open, JV, and Novice Divisions

Debate Coach:

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the Piper High School Invitational Debate Tournament hosted on the NSDA Campus platform on Saturday, October 31, 2020. This will be a one day tournament consisting of four rounds. There will be three divisions: Open, JV, and Novice. **Only debaters in their first or second year of debate should be entered into the JV division.**

Please find rules, details and schedule below:

1. We will use the KSHSAA approved 2020-2021 high school debate topic.
2. Entry fees are \$8.00 per team to accommodate the additional fees associated with NSDA Campus.
3. Any cancellation after 5 p.m. on October 28th will still result in registration fees being charged.
4. Schools are asked to provide 1 judge for every 2 entries. The Piper debate team will provide additional judges as possible
5. The first round will be preset and we will direct power match the remaining rounds.
6. All debates will be the 8-3-5 Cross Examination format with 8 minutes of prep for each team.
7. We will medal the top eight teams in each division. Medals will be mailed
8. Sweeps will be calculated based on each school's best four entries with at least one entry in Open. Sweeps will be recognized but we will not provide trophies due to shipping costs.

Special Considerations for the Novice Division

This division will use the **Kansas novice case list affirmative areas** and will utilize a **negative packet of evidence**. The five affirmative cases that may be run in the novice division at our invitational are:

1. abolish the death penalty
2. decriminalize marijuana
3. defund the police

4. end mandatory minimums
5. juvenile sentencing reform

Affirmatives should attempt to not be intentional subsets of these areas. The purpose of the negative case list is to have predictable debates for novices, not for you to surprise people so that your students can win more debates. If the tournament hosts deem that a plan is intentionally outside of the case list area, you will receive a loss in the debate. If you have questions about whether or not an affirmative is allowed, please reach out.

It has become evident that the Kansas novice case list for the affirmative coupled with a limited set of evidence for the negative creates some challenges. Namely, the affirmative is able to read advantages that they can accurately predict the negative does not have answers to. For educational reasons, we have decided that affirmatives will be limited to the advantage areas covered in the negative packet. If you read an advantage that is outside of the negative packet areas, you will be given an automatic loss.

The schedule we hope to follow for all divisions...

7:30 Round 1 Pairings Post
8:00 Round 1 Check In
8:15 Round 1 Begins
10:00 Round 2 Pairings Post
10:15 Round 2 Check In
10:30 Round 2 Begins
1:00 Round 3 Pairings Post
1:15 Round 3 Check In
1:30 Round 3 Begins
3:15 Round 4 Pairings Post
3:30 Round 4 Check In
3:45 Round 4 Begins
Awards ASAP

If you are interested in attending our tournament please register via [Tabroom.com](https://www.tabroom.com)

Please let us know if you have questions,

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