

Dear Debate Coach,

Your team is cordially invited to attend the 2020 Wellington Invitational Debate Tournament on Saturday, November 7 using the NSDA campus platform for online debate and offering Novice and Open divisions.

Novice will be limited to those students who have not participated in debate prior to this season. We ask novice teams to limit to the Novice Plan List. It will consist of four rounds, with the first two rounds preset and rounds 3 and 4 powermatched. We will not be offering trophies this year, but we will have medals for the top 8 participants.

Open will be an open-entry, traditional style division. Like novice, it will consist of four rounds, with the first two preset and the third and fourth rounds powermatched. We will offer medals for the top 8 participants in lieu of trophies.

Entries will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis, with district schools given first consideration. **All teams must register on Tabroom.com.** All entries will be waitlisted. **Entry fees will be \$6.00 per team.**

We are reluctantly asking schools to provide at least one judge. We may also have to resort to asking coaches to serve as judges.

Sincerely,

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Basic Tournament Guidelines

1. All teams will be debating the NSDA resolution: Resolved: The United States federal government should enact substantial criminal justice reform in the United States in one or more of the following: forensic science, policing, sentencing.
2. All rounds will use the standard 8-3-5 cross examination format with 8 minutes of prep time per team, per round.
3. KSHSAA revised rules for internet use will be followed. Please see the addendum sent by Kathy Wilhelm.
4. Any team more than 15 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will receive a 3-4 loss. We're trying to build in a lot of cushion in the schedule: 15-minute buffers and 2-hour rounds.
5. No maverick or 3-person teams will be allowed.
6. All rounds will be closed.
7. Fees are non-refundable.
8. Cancellations will result in rescheduling, substitution of host teams, or byes.
9. Any rules challenges must be made before the beginning of the next round.
10. There is no "flash time," only speech, cross-x, or prep time. No debater is expected to provide the opposing team with evidence until after a speech is given and the specific request is made during cross-ex.

Schedule

7:30-8:00

8:00

8:15-10:15

10:15

10:30-12:30

12:30-1:15

1:15

1:30-3:30

3:30

3:45-5:45

Registration

Round 1 pairing/virtual check-in

Round 1

Round 2 pairing/virtual check-in

Round 2

Lunch

Round 3 pairing/virtual check-in

Round 3

Round 4 pairing/virtual check-in

Round 4