#### Dear Coach:

You and your debaters are invited to compete in the 2020 GCHS Buffalo Debate/West Kansas Coaches Association Tournament on December 5, 2020.

We will have 3 divisions: Novice (first year competitors only), JV (2nd or first year competitors only), and Open (any debater).

Entry fees will be $5.00 per team. All divisions will be direct power-matched, with two preset rounds. Sweepstakes will be based on the school with the best four team record, with no more than 2 entries counted any division.

Each school may be represented by a maximum of four entries in any division. Registration is available on Tabroom.com at: <http://gchsbuffdebate.tabroom.com/>. All new entries will be waitlisted, and no team will be removed from the waitlist until students’ names have been entered. Entries must be made no later than Monday, November 30 at 5:00 pm.

Name changes will be allowed until Thursday, December 3rd at 5:00pm and any adjustments after this time are subject to a penalty. Please rank your waitlist priorities and you will receive a timely email when they have been accepted. We should be able to accommodate all entries.

Russ Tidwell

Garden City High School Debate

GENERAL REGULATIONS

DEBATE TOPIC: The current KSHSAA-approved resolution.

KSHSAA RULES: Unless noted otherwise, we will use all KSHSAA debate rules and regulations, including the Virtual Debate Addendum published this fall. Internet access is allowed. Out of state schools must contact their state association for approval, and KSHSAA for approval.

TOURNAMENT STYLE: All divisions will have four rounds. All teams will debate two pre-set rounds. Other rounds will be power-matched, based on tiebreaks using the SOP method (email with questions). Novice division may be power-lag matched. Each team will debate both sides of the resolution with 8-3-5-time limits. 8 minutes of prep time in all divisions, per KSHSAA.

FEES: Fees are $5.00 per team.

ENTRIES: Entries should be made on Tabroom.com by Monday November 30 at 5:00 pm We should have plenty of room for everyone, but we reserve the right to limit entries to 8 per school.

FORFEITS: Any team more than ten minutes late to a round will forfeit the decision, subject to the discretion of the tournament manager. In any forfeit decision, the winning team will receive a 1-2 speaker point win and the losing team will receive a 3-4 speaker point loss.

SCHEDULE: \*\*\*NOTE: the schedule is FLEXIBLE. All judges and competitors should be available for the next round as soon as the previous one finishes.

Saturday, December 5

 7:15 a.m. Round I – Pairing Released

 7:30 a.m. Round I – Tech Check-in

 8:00 a.m. Round I

 9:00 a.m. Round II – Pairing Released

 9:45 a.m. Round II – Tech Check-in

 10:00 a.m. Round II

 11:30 a.m. Lunch

12:00 p.m. Round III – Pairing Released

12:15 p.m. Round III – Tech Check-in

 12:30 p.m. Round III

 2:30 p.m. Round IV – Pairing Released

 3:00 p.m. Round IV

 ASAP Awards

JUDGING REQUIREMENT: One judge will be required for every two or portion of two entries.. Any coaches or sponsors will be asked to judge so please advise sponsors of this possibility. May 2020 graduates may judge. Third and fourth-year debaters may judge only in the novice division. All judges will be required to have a Tabroom.com account

AWARDS: A sweepstakes award will be given to the school with the best four-team record, with no more than three entries counted in one division. Placing will be determined after 4 rounds by (1) win-loss record, (2) points, (3) points -1 worst, (4) ranks and (4) speaker points, in that order.

INVOICES: May be printed directly from your registration on Tabroom.com. All school checks can be made payable to:

Garden City High School Debate

 2720 Buffalo Way

 Garden City, KS 67846

MAVERICKS No maverick or 3 person teams will be allowed to compete. The tournament may allow a maverick debate AT THE DIRECTOR’S DISCRETION if it will avoid a bye and allow for more experience. However, the maverick team will be given a 3-4 loss regardless of the judge’s decision in the round.

CLIPPING Clipping will be considered a form of cheating that must be made as an argument during the debate round. In no circumstance should a judge stop the round to address this issue, but may base their decision on the clipping claims if there is evidence to validate the concerns (speech docs)