



Dear Coach:

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the Clay Center Community High School Online Debate Tournament held on Saturday, December 5, 2020. We will host novice, junior varsity, and open divisions. The novice case list will not be required.

The open division is meant for those experienced students in their 3rd or 4th year. The JV division is meant for 1st and 2nd year debaters preparing for future competitions. Awards will be given to the top 6 teams and top 3 speakers in each division.

All divisions will be direct power-matched. Sweepstakes will be based on the school with the best four team record, with no more than three entries counted in each division. All new entries will be waitlisted, and no team will be removed from the waitlist until students' names have been entered must be made no later than Monday, November 30th at 5:00 pm. Name changes will be allowed until December 5th at 7:00 am 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.

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Coach Clay Center Community High School



GENERAL REGULATIONS

DEBATE TOPIC:	The current KSHSAA-approved resolution.
KSHSAA RULES:	All KSHSAA rules and regulations, including the Virtual Debate Addendum published this fall unless noted otherwise. No schools from outside of Kansas will be allowed to compete in these competitions at this time. Internet access is allowed
TOURNAMENT STYLE:	All divisions will have four rounds. 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 30th at 5:00 pm
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:

Saturday, December 5th

7:00 a.m.	Team on-site check in
7:15 a.m.	Round I – Pairings/Student & Judge Pooling
8:00 a.m.	Round I
10:00 a.m.	Round II – Pairings/Student & Judge Pooling
10:30 a.m.	Round II
12:00 p.m.	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Round III – Pairings/Student & Judge Pooling
1:00 p.m.	Round III
3:00 p.m.	Round IV – Pairings/Student & Judge Pooling
3:30 p.m.	Round IV

JUDGING:

One judge will be required for every 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 are encouraged to enter to judge only in the novice division. All judges will be required to have a Tabroom.com account. **All judges are required to keep their camera on during rounds. If there is a technical issue that prevents this, it has to be communicated to the tabroom before the round starts for approval. Once approved it must be communicated verbally to the competitors and in the chat feature. Judges will not be allowed to keep their cameras off and not communicate with teams at all.**

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.



SCOUTING:

Spectators (students and parents) are welcome to watch teams from their own schools in our virtual environment.

INVOICES:

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

Clay Center Community High School
1630 9th Street
Clay Center, KS 67447

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)