

**EDIT: For my sanity, we have reduced this experience to a Saturday only tournament.**

Friends,

Shawnee Heights High School is delighted to invite you to our **in-person** debate tournament. It is a **one-day tournament Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. We have three divisions. Novice, Junior Varsity, and Open/Varsity.

**Open Division:**

- This division is open to any student. We expect that most schools will choose to put their “best” teams in this division.
- Any flow judges we have, we’ll put them here.
- We will place the top 8 teams.
- This division will have no case list restriction.
- This division will take place on Saturday.

**JV Division:**

- This division is open to any student who is in their first or second year debating.
- Expect lay judges.
- We will place the top 8 teams.
- This division will have no case list restriction.
- If you have a Novice team that is ready to get out of the packet, put them here.
- This division will take place on Saturday.

**Novice Division**

- This division is open to any student who is in their first-year debating.
- Expect lay judges.
- We will place the top 8 teams.
- Novices in this division will be restricted to the Novice Packet.
- This division will take place on Saturday.
- Novice Packet guidelines:
  - You may not cut your own evidence, even if it is extrapolation from the original source. Only the text in these files can be used.
  - You cannot change the plan texts Topicality arguments and pre-tournament prep are based on the plans provided here. If there is a grammatical error or something in a plan that is provided, let me know and I will change it if I've made a mistake.
  - You can reorganize cards in whatever way you want to, but all evidence used must be in the file(s).
  - You may re-highlight, retag, reunderline evidence. But you may not add or subtract any words/context from the evidence that is included. You can condense and shrink cards, etc. But we should all be playing with the same evidence.
  - Let me know if you have any other questions. Here is a link:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QbtWR1vju-CBhut-NKT-mhooKuYJQmw2?usp=sharing>

Registration [is open on Tabroom](#). We'll take as many teams as we can accommodate. I anticipate we'll accept about six entries per school, but if we can accept more based on availability, we will. Preference order will be schools we owe reciprocals to, Flint Hills schools, and then all others.

Clarifications:

1. All teams will debate the following resolution:

*Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States.*

2. Since this is an in-person tournament, masks must be worn correctly.
3. Entry for all teams is \$6 per team.
4. We will offer a dinner option Friday and a lunch option Saturday. I'm not sure what it is yet. Anticipate the normal \$5 for pizza setup.
5. A novice debater is in their first year of competition. A junior varsity debater is in their first or second year of competition. An open/varisty debater is a debater in their second, third, or fourth year. Our judge pool will be primarily community folks, but we will do our best to chase down some experienced judges.
6. Constructives are eight minutes, cross-examinations are three minutes, and rebuttals are five minutes. There will be eight minutes of prep per team per round.
7. We will do our best to offer open internet at our tournament. However, debaters who contact people outside of the debate during rounds will be disqualified.
8. If a team is ten minutes late to a round **through no fault of the tournament**, they will forfeit on a 3-4 loss.
9. Rules challenges must be made before the beginning of the next round.
10. Judges will be considered clean at the beginning of elimination rounds in the Open division.
11. Please be open to your sponsor (assistant coach, coach, whoever) judging if the need arises.
12. We plan to offer hospitality. TBD on a concession stand.
12. This is my first in-person tournament as a head coach. Please let me know how to improve. Please do it kindly.

Schedule:

Friday:

4:00pm Open/Varsity Round 1

5:45pm Open/Varsity Round 2

Saturday:

8:00am Open/Varsity Round 3 **and JV/Novice Round 1**

9:45am Open/Varsity Round 4 **and JV/Novice Round 2**

11:30

12:00pm Open/Varsity Round 5 **and JV/Novice Round 3**

1:45pm Open/Varsity Round 6 **and JV/Novice Round 4**

3:30pm **JV/Novice Round 5**

3:45pm Awards for Open/Varsity

4:00pm Semifinals for Open/Varsity

5:00pm Awards for JV/Novice

5:45pm Finals for Open/Varsity

7:30 pm Awards for JV/Novice