

EUDORA DEBATE & FORENSICS

Dear Debate Coach:

Your team is cordially invited to attend the first annual Ron Abel Debate Invitational tournament at Eudora High School on Saturday, October 16, 2021. Registration is online at ehsdb84n6.tabroom.com. *Please read this letter carefully for information about tournament procedures, novice division requirements, & Covid protocols.*

General Info: We will offer two divisions: Novice & Open. You may divide your entries however you like between divisions; we hope to accept four total entries from each school that registers, but space & judging limitations may create difficulty. If we can provide extras, preference will be given to Flint Hills schools first, followed by non-Flint-Hills schools (in order of registration). All entries will be waitlisted initially. Entry fees are \$6 per team.

The tournament will be 5 rounds. Rounds 1 & 2 will be preset and rounds 3-5 will be power-matched (*unless one or both divisions are too small to make power-matching meaningful*). Medals will be given to the top 6 or 8 teams in each division, and we will award one overall Sweeps trophy. Only schools with teams in each division will be eligible for Sweeps.

The resolution being debated is *Resolved: The United States Federal Government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States*. The tournament will be cross-ex style with 8-3-5 time limits & 8 minutes of prep. We can't guarantee that internet access will be available, but if it is, we will follow KSHSAA guidelines for evidence exchange & retrieval.

We will adhere to all KSHAA regulations & follow all procedures outlined here & on Tabroom. Issues will be handled at the discretion of the tournament director. We will not have concessions or food orders for students, so please plan accordingly. Hospitality will be provided for coaches & judges. If you can provide judging, that's *amazing*, but not required.

Novice Division: All novice teams will be limited to the cases & arguments provided in the [novice evidence packet](#), which you can also access on Tabroom. Some additional guidelines: 1. You may not cut your own evidence, even if it is an extrapolation from the original source. 2. You may not change the plan texts. No exceptions. 3. You may reorganize cards in whatever way you want to (swapping 1AC evidence with extension evidence, etc.). 4. You may re-highlight, re-tag, & re-underline evidence, but the context & overall meaning must remain the same. Any team that doesn't follow novice evidence packet requirements will lose the individual round on a 7, and repeated infractions will result in disqualification from the tournament.

Covid Protocols: All teams and coaches will be required to wear masks when inside of Eudora High School, *including during actual competition* (meals are the only exception, & masks must still be worn whenever you are not seated & actively eating). There are no mask "exemptions" for students or coaches. Although we don't have a mechanism for enforcing mask requirements with judges, they will be asked to mask while inside. We don't have room to give each school its own classroom, but we will assign each team one of many, intentionally spaced tables in the Commons. Students are discouraged from mingling with competitors from other teams in common areas, & will be asked to distance as much as possible during rounds. If Covid requires us to move the tournament online, we will let you know with as much notice as possible.

We look forward to seeing you and your teams on October 16! Questions? Email, call, or text.

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