Olathe Northwest Debate

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Dear Debate Coach:

The Olathe Northwest Raven Debate Squad invites you to enter the ONW Novice Classic at Olathe Northwest High School on Saturday, November 6. We anticipate being able to offer virtually unlimited entries. You are required to bring one qualified judge (see detailed rules on next page) per two entries. If you are in need of some help on judging, I will likely have some extras to share, and others may too.

We will host five rounds on Saturday in two divisions – Novice Caselist (limited to the Washburn Rural caselist restrictions) and Novice Open (no restrictions). We will also offer a small Open division if needed; however, schools will need to bring adult judges to cover their entries in this division. The first two rounds will be preset with the remaining rounds being power matched.

This tournament provides limited services. There will not be a hospitality lounge, nor will there be awards beyond certificates. Schedules will be distributed only via Tabroom.com. We anticipate having a full concession stand including lunch options.

**To register for this tournament, enter via Tabroom**:

<http://onwnovice.tabroom.com>

**Tournament Schedule (Subject to Change)**

**Saturday**

8:00 Round One

9:45 Round Two

11:30 Round Three

1:15 Round Four

3:00 Round Five

Sincerely,

Eric Skoglund, Head Coach

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**Rules and Regulations**

1. Prep time will be 8 minutes.

2. There will be no entry fees for this tournament.

3. The registration deadline is Monday, November 1, at 4:00pm.

4. Your bill will reflect the number of entries you have on file at the deadline, or the number who actually compete, whichever is greater. Please keep your numbers up to date!

5. We are not committed to providing judges except for those which cover our entry. Please bring judges who fulfill at least one of the following criteria:

a) High school graduate; OR

b) At least 150 policy debate NSDA points (NSDA rule); OR

c) Two complete years of high school policy debate participation (KSHSAA rule)

6. All judges will be expected to use online ballots through Tabroom.com. Paper ballots will only be printed and distributed in the event of technical failures.

7. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round through no fault of the tournament will forfeit the round.

8. We do plan to offer guest wireless to competitors and judges.

9. We will observe KSHSAA rules.

10. All competitors must be in their first year of high school policy debate participation. ONW will have teams participating in the tournament who may win rounds and may win awards.

11. Please bring judges who will not cause issues with their commentary. If the tournament director determines that a judge must be removed from the pool, we will ask the school sponsor to take his/her place.

**This Page is About COVID**

1. Everything in this invitation, including this page, is subject to change anytime at the discretion of our coach, building administration, or district. We will communicate all updates via email to registered schools.

2. Per current Olathe School District mitigation guidelines, all who wish to enter an Olathe school building must wear a mask which properly covers nose and mouth at all times when not actively eating or drinking. This includes times when a student is presenting a speech for judges.

3. It is the stance of the ONW debate program that the appropriate accommodation for students who require a mask exemption is to compete in virtual debate tournaments. Please do not bring students (or adults) who expect to be permitted to remove their mask while indoors.

4. Anyone who has tested positive, has been instructed by their county health department to quarantine, or who is exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 should not enter our building. We will waive the entry fees of anyone who has to drop the tournament as a result of late-breaking quarantines or symptoms.

5. Concessions will be served from the front of the 1300 pod. We do plan to offer an affordable lunch deal on Saturday for those who wish to partake.

6. Students will not use our Commons for student gathering; instead, each school will be assigned a classroom to be used as a central meeting space and hangout throughout.

7. Food is only permitted in the Ravens’ Nest, Commons, Courtyard, and designated classrooms for each school. Food should not be consumed during a debate or in other locations not listed above. Individuals who require accommodation due to 504 plans or other individual needs should notify Skoglund prior to the tournament.

8. If we are unexpectedly unable to host in person, the tournament will be cancelled.