



# Hoisington High School's Garrett Blase Memorial Debate Invitational

**Saturday, October 16th, 2021**

**Novice & Open Divisions**

Debate Coach:

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the Hoisington High School's Invitational Debate Tournament on Saturday, October 16, 2021. This will be a one day tournament consisting of five rounds. There will be two divisions: Novice and Open.

**Only debaters in their first year of debate should be entered into the Novice division.**

The novice division may have 3rd and 4th year debaters serving as judges.

Please find our competition rules, details and schedule below:

1. We will use the KSHSAA approved 2021-2022 high school debate topic.
2. Entry fees are \$8.00 per team. Initially we will be accepting 6 teams per school. Priority will go to schools who have given us extra entries. I will close the tabroom to new entries when we are full.
3. Any cancellation after 6 p.m. on October 13th (for non-COVID reasons) will still result in registration fees being charged.
4. Your sponsor may be asked to judge up to 2 rounds the day of the tournament so we can accommodate the most teams possible.
5. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit and receive a 3 and 4 ranking.
6. The first two rounds will be preset and we will delay power match the remaining rounds.
7. All debates will be the 8-3-5 Cross Examination format with 8 minutes of prep for each team. Teams may have to time themselves.
8. Tabs and ballots will be run using the paper method. If I have a volunteer to show me, I'll post the Tabs on Tabroom.com
9. We will medal the top six teams in each division.

10. Sweeps will be calculated based on each school's best four entries with at least 1 team in each division.
11. Portable computers and iPads are permissible. Teams may not unplug anything in order to charge their equipment. I **will not be** providing guest wifi access at this time.

*Our tournament will be judged by some former debaters (or 3rd and 4th year debaters for the novice division), but primarily the judging pool will be parents of our debaters and community members so please plan accordingly.*

### **HHS DEBATE COVID 19 Mitigation Measures**

This entire invitation is subject to change at the discretion of our building administration. We will communicate those changes via emails pushed out through Tabroom.

1. Everyone who wishes to enter our school buildings must wear a mask which properly covers their nose and mouth. Masks will be REQUIRED in all communal areas like hallways, performance rooms (except when the speaker is giving a constructive or rebuttal speech), and restrooms. It is the stance of the Hoisington 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.

2. 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.

3. Teams should sit as far apart as possible in the room they debate in, with the judge sitting as far to the back of the room as possible. The speakers will be asked to socially distance when presenting and during cross-ex.

4. Each school will be separated in our commons and should report there between rounds. We request that you remain masked in this area unless eating. If needed, we can house bigger teams in the High School Gym to accommodate social distancing.

5. There will be a concession stand available until the start of round 5 in the commons area

6. The hospitality room will look similar to a pre-COVID judge lounge, but we ask that all judges and coaches socially distance appropriately within this room.

7. Only coaches are allowed in the Tab Room and we ask that you remain masked. All help in the Tab Room is appreciated, and I'll be training my (Hoisington) students to help run this room as well.

If you are interested in attending our tournament please register via

<http://hoisington.tabroom.com/>

Or email me a [dreisner@usd431.net](mailto:dreisner@usd431.net)

Please let us know if you have questions,

Drew Reisner.

## ***Saturday, October 16th***

### **Open/Novice**

**7:15 Registration**

**8:00 Round 1**

**9:30 Round 2**

**11:00 Round 3**

**12:30 LUNCH**

**1:15 Round 4**

**2:45 Round 5**

**ASAP = Awards**