

Manhattan High School Debate Tournament

November 6th, 2021

We invite you to attend the Blue Valley North Invitational on November 6th, 2021. The tournament will feature two divisions of Policy Debate: Novice and Open.

Open is an open-entry traditional style division. Open division will have five rounds Saturday. Students should be prepared for judges of all styles and experience. Medals will be awarded to the top 8 teams.

Novice will be limited to those students who have not participated in debate prior to this season. Novice will have five rounds Saturday. The top eight teams in this division will receive medals. Novice debaters should be prepared to debate in front of both lay judges and responsible/successful junior/senior debaters.

Teams will be limited to the plan texts included in the 2021 NSDA case lists, which are as follows:

- *The United States federal government should determine that the significant nexus test is broadly applicable for defining "Waters of the United States" as it relates to the prevention of water pollution in the United States.*
- *The United States federal government should substantially reduce the current lead action level and require a two-step sample protocol.*
- *The United States federal government should ban the use of hydraulic fracturing techniques by energy companies in the United States.*
- *The United States federal government should substantially increase its protection of water resources in the United States by establishing mandatory best management practices for farmland sources contributing to water quality impairment.*

You must perform one of the 4 actions outlined above, however, you are allowed to be more specific than these texts through additional mandates (for instance, you could specify courts or congress as your agent for a WOTUS affirmative).

Teams found to be in violation will receive an automatic loss on a 7. Please reach out to me if you have any questions about your students' plan texts.

Students are not limited to any evidence sets, types of advantages, or other specific positions, on the affirmative or negative.

Payment must be submitted with the attached invoice from tabroom.com. All entry fees are \$5.00 per team.

There is **no judge requirement in either one of our divisions**. All entries will initially be placed on the waitlist. We will initially allot **6 entries per school**. We will admit as many extra entries as possible.

Other relevant information should be at <http://mhdsdb8.tabroom.com>. Don't be afraid to reach out if you have questions

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Tournament Guidelines

1. The tournament will be cross-examination style with 8-3-5 time limits with 8 minutes of prep time.
2. Rounds 1 and 2 in all divisions will be pre-set. Rounds 3, 4 and 5 will be power matched.
3. **Every school** entered in the tournament is required to have a responsible adult in charge for the **full day**. Coaches and sponsors will be asked to judge if necessary.
4. All ballots will be done on paper
5. Tournament management reserves the right to handle difficulties, or things otherwise not clarified in the invitation, in a way that seems fair to us.

COVID Protocols

1. Unfortunately, we are not able to mandate the wearing of masks for our tournament. However, we highly encourage all of our judges, competitors, and sponsors to compete wearing a mask, social distance, and keep inter-squad mingling to a minimum.
2. The commons, flex space, hallways and great outdoors should provide room to distance while eating. Please do not eat lunch indoors with people from a different school.
3. Do not attempt to initiate contact with the judge.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

(Projected / Tentative)

Both Divisions (Novice/Open)

Saturday

R1 - 8:00 am

R2 - 9:45 am

R3 - 11:30 am

Lunch 1:00-1:30 pm

R4 - 1:30 pm

R5 - 3:15

Awards ASAP in Rezac Auditorium

Awards

Sweepstakes trophies will be given out to the top 3 teams.

The top 8 teams in each division will medal.

The top 6 Novice Speakers in each Division will receive speaker awards.