

August 30, 2024

Dear Coach:

You and your squad are cordially invited to the 2024 Alma “Momma” Moore Debate Invitational at Newton High School, 900 W. 12th, Newton, KS 67114, on October 19, 2024. The tournament will feature Novice, JV and Open Divisions. Novices will be limited to the NDCA Novice Caselist. Entries are \$6 per team. We will accept the first 70 entries on a first come, first served basis. The Volleyball Team will run a concession stand that has a lunch deal; more information will be provided closer to the tournament. Hospitality will feature, among other things, legendary recipes from my own kitchen.

The tournament will be four rounds. In addition to medals for the top 8 teams in each division, we will continue our tradition of speaker awards in each division, as well. All entries will be waitlisted and will not be removed from the waitlist until debater names are added.

KSHSAA rules are in effect unless the invitation or tournament communication notes exceptions. Third and fourth year debaters may judge novice rounds.

We hope to see you on October 19 in Newton. Please register your squad at [this link](#).

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns!

Warmly,

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TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All teams will be debating this year's resolution--Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks..
2. All debates will use the standard 8-3-5 cross examination format with 8 minutes for prep time per team, per round.
3. JV is any team composed of two individuals in which this is the second year of policy debate for BOTH members. Novice debaters may be placed in JV but are really encouraged to consider the novice division.
4. Any team more than 10 minutes late to the round (through their own fault) will receive a 3-4/0 Points loss.
5. No two debaters from different schools may debate together as a team.
6. Any rules challenges (evidence or otherwise) must be made before the beginning of the next round. Issues of clipping cards should be argued in the debate and the ultimate decision will be made at the discretion of the judge evaluating the round.
7. The tab room will always be open and it is your job to check the results before the awards assembly. Once the assembly starts, the placements are final.
8. KSHSAA revised rules for internet use will be followed. As you register on site, you will be provided with wifi logon information so that you and your students will be granted capacity to access our school's internet services for competition purposes.
9. We will delay power match rounds after lunch.
10. Cancellations will result in rescheduling, substitution of host teams, or byes.
11. No Mavericks unless it is a last resort and has been approved by the tournament director.
12. Fees for entry and hospitality are non-refundable if drops are made after October 14 at 5:00 PM.
13. Coaches and/or sponsors may be asked to judge in the event of a necessary judge change.

SCHEDULE OF ROUNDS

Round 1: 8:00-9:45

Round 2: 9:45-11:30

Lunch: 11:30 AM-12:15 PM

Round 3: 12:15-2:00 PM

Round 4: 2:00-3:45 PM

Awards: 4:00 PM or ASAP