

EUDORA DEBATE & FORENSICS

Dear Debate Coach:

Your team is cordially invited to attend the fourth annual Ron Abel Debate Invitational tournament at Eudora High School on Saturday, September 28, 2024. Registration is online at <http://ehsdb84n6.tabroom.com>.

Policies & Procedures:

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 those who give us extras, followed by everyone else, 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 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 significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks*. The tournament will be cross-ex style with 8-3-5 time limits & 8 minutes of prep. Internet access will be available, and 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. Our program is still relatively new, and our community judges will be fairly inexperienced, so plan to adapt.

Novice Caselist:

All novice teams will be limited to the cases & arguments provided in the [NDCA Novice Packet](#). 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. 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 round on a 7 - repeated infractions will get you DQd.

Projected Schedule:

Rd. 1: 8:00-9:30

Rd. 2: 10:00-11:30

Rd. 3: 12:00-1:30

Rd. 4: 1:30-3:00

Rd. 5: 3:30-5:00

— Awards ASAP —

We look forward to seeing you and your teams on September 28! Questions? Email, call, or text.

Kindly,

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