September 1, 2025

Dear Coach:

You and your squad are cordially invited to the 2025 Hutchinson Tom Kelly Debate Invitational, 810 E 13th Ave, Hutchinson, KS 67501, on October 10th and 11th, 2025. The tournament will feature Novice (non caselist) with outrounds, Varsity with outrounds, Novice (Caselist only) single day, JV single day, and Open single day Divisions.

Novices will be limited to the NDCA Novice Caselist in the single day division. The novice division with outrounds **WILL NOT** be limited to the NDCA Novice Caselist.

Entries are $6 per team.

We will accept **the first 16 entries** in each division on a first come, first served basis. Schools limited to two entries per division. We will clear the top 8 teams in each two day division.

There will be a concession stand.

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 10th and 11th in Hutch.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns!
Warmly,

Daniel Stout
Head Coach, Debate/Forensics
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Rob Egan
Assistant Debate/Forensics Coach

Nathan Ackley
Assistant Debate/Forensics Coach

TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. All teams will be debating this year's resolution--Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

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 two day division if advanced.

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 5th at 5:00 PM.

13. **Judges**
For the Divisions with outrounds;
1. **A Judge is to be provided for every two teams.**
2. **A Judge is obligated one full outround after their team has been eliminated.**
3. **3rd or 4th year debaters may be the judge for the novice two day tournament.**
For Saturday Only Divisions.
Coaches and/or sponsors may be asked to judge in the event of a necessary judge change

14. Lastly, if a student enters a classroom without a judge present, it is grounds for immediate disqualification and removal from the tournament.

SCHEDULE OF ROUNDS

Two Day Divisions Schedule

Oct 10, 2025
Registration: 1:30-2:30
Pairings R1 & R2: 2:30
Round 1: 3:00-5:00
Round 2: 5:00-7:00
Round 3: 7:00-9:00

Oct 11, 2025
Round 4 (2 Day)- 8:00-10:00

Round 5 (2 Day)- 10:00-12:00

Lunch 12:00-12:30

Quarters Pairings 12:30

Quarters 1:00

Semis and Finals Immediately Following

Single Day Division's Schedule
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: Grab and Go