



Dear Coach:

You and your debaters are invited to attend the Cowboy Debate Invitational to be held at Abilene High School, 1300 N Cedar St, Abilene, KS, on Saturday, October 11th, 2025.

We will offer novice and open divisions; schools are limited to four teams in each division. **The novice division will use the NCA novice packet.** We will accept a maximum of 60 entries in the tournament. If there is extra room, I would be happy to add more teams from your squad.

Entry fees are \$7 per team.

Awards will be given to 1st- 6th place.

Please plan on providing one judge for every two teams entered.

Enclosed is the general information regarding the tournament, including regulations, and the schedule.

We will have concessions available and we will be offering a Pizza Meal Deal for lunch; more details to come as we approach the tournament.

We hope to see you at the Abilene Cowboy Debate Invitational!

Sincerely,

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Tournament Schedule:

Saturday, Oct 12 Novice and Open	
Check-In	7:30am
Round 1	8:00 am
Round 2	9:30 am
Lunch	11:00 am
Round 3	12:00 pm
Round 4	1:30 pm
Awards	ASAP

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. Any team more than 10 minutes late to the round (through their own fault) will receive a 3-4/0 Points loss.
4. No two debaters from different schools may debate together as a team.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. We will delay power match rounds after lunch.
9. Cancellations will result in rescheduling, substitution of host teams, or byes.
10. No Mavericks unless it is a last resort and has been approved by the tournament director.
11. Fees for entry and hospitality are non-refundable if drops are made after October 8th at 12:00 PM.
12. Coaches and/or sponsors may be asked to judge in the event of a necessary judge change.