

SHS Fall Classic Debate Invitational 2025

Seaman High School

4850 NW Rochester Rd, Topeka, KS 66617

October 25, 2025

We invite you to attend the SHS Fall Classic on October 25th, 2025. The Tournament will have two divisions: Novice and Open.

Novice- will be limited to those students who have not participated in debate prior to this season. Novices will have five rounds. 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.

Open- Division teams should be prepared to debate in front of community members.

Payment must be submitted with the attached invoice from tabroom.com. All entry fees are \$6.00 per team.

AS OF RIGHT NOW, there is **no judge requirement in either one of our divisions.** This may change as I need to get a better idea of who is coming. All entries will initially be placed on the waitlist. We will initially allow **6 entries per school.** We will admit as many extra entries as possible.

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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.

6. Everyone will be given an initial 6 entries. Additional entries will be granted in the order of:
 - a. Flint Hills District
 - b. Schools whose tournaments we have attended or will be attending
 - c. Everyone else

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

(Projected / Tentative)

Saturday

Round 1 @ 8:00 AM to 9:45 AM

Round 2 @ 9:45am AM to 11:30 AM

Round 3 @ 11:30 AM to 1:15 PM

Round 4 @ 1:45 PM to 3:30 PM

Round 5 @ 3:30 PM to 5:15 PM

Awards ASAP in the Auditorium

Awards

- Sweepstakes trophies will be given out to the top 3 teams.
- The top 6 teams in each division will medal.
- The top 8 individual speakers in each division will medal
- Tiebreakers will be set in the order of:
 - Win/Loss
 - Opponents' average wins from prelims
 - Ranks from prelim rounds
 - Opponents' average ranks from prelim rounds
 - Head to Head wins (if tied) from prelim round(s)
 - Coinflip from prelim rounds

- Sweeps will be determined by a school's top four entries.