

October 9, 2025



Dear Debate Coach:

The Shawnee Mission West Speech and Debate team invites you to enter our Novice Debate Invitational tournament on **Saturday, November 15th**. We will host three Novice divisions, each with 5 rounds and no elimination rounds. To register for the tournament, go to <http://vikingdebate.tabroom.com>.

- **Limited Experience**

- This division will adhere strictly to the 2025 Novice Packet as set by NDCA. This division is intended to be a debater's first or second tournament of the year.

- **Open**

- This division will NOT be restricted to the Novice Packet.

- **Champ**

- This division will NOT be restricted to the Novice Packet and is intended as a warm-up for Novice State with experienced judges.

Depending on numbers, we reserve the right to combine the Open and Champ divisions. In all divisions, the first two rounds will be pre-set, the rest will be power-matched. We will have awards for the top eight teams in each division. Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three schools based on the record of your four best teams, three of which must be from the Open/Champ divisions.

We can guarantee entry for up to six teams per school, but feel free to request as many extras as you'd like. We have room for 120 teams and should be able to accommodate. Priority goes SMSD → EKNSDA → Schools that are nice to us and/or allow(ed) us extra entries. Teams granted additional entries may be asked to bring judges. You are **all** welcome to bring experienced (2nd year and up) debaters to judge our Limited Experience division, as long as they are trustworthy and capable of writing educational ballots.

All schools must have an adult sponsor/coach in-building at all times. We will drop your entire entry if there are any problems with unsupervised students roaming our building. Please don't give administrators any reason to be frustrated with Speech and Debate.

We will have a \$5 pizza meal deal and a concession stand with sweet treats and salty snacks. No need to pay ahead, but I'll ask for numbers at the beginning of the tournament week to give my Pizza Guy™ a heads-up.

Saturday, November 15 th	
Round 1	8:00 AM
Round 2	9:30 AM
Round 3	11:15 AM
Round 4	1:15 PM
Round 5	2:45 PM
Awards	A.S.A.P. ☺

We look forward to seeing you at Shawnee Mission West on November 15th!

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Rules and Regulations

1. Prep time will be 8 minutes for all divisions.
2. The registration deadline is Tuesday, November 11th at 6:00 PM.
3. Priority will be given to named entries registered as of Friday, November 7th at 6:00 PM. Additional entries granted in the order SMSD → EKNSDA → Others.
4. Your invoice will reflect the number of entries you have on file at the deadline or the number who actually compete, whichever is greater. Please keep your numbers up to date!
5. All coaches/sponsors are on standby to judge. Additional judges required for those requesting entries above the guarantee.
6. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit.
7. We will observe KSHSAA rules. Wireless internet access will be provided to all competitors and judges.
8. Limited Experience is only for students competing at their first or second tournament. Teams found in violation of this rule will be removed from the tournament.
9. Limited Experience must adhere strictly to the Novice Packet as set by NDCA. Open/Champ divisions are not bound by this packet.
10. Tabroom.com will be utilized for all tournament functions.
11. We will seek to resolve all conflicts in a way that maximize education and fairness for all competitors. In all disputes, the tournament director's decision will be final.

Payment

Entry fees are \$8.00 per team (or whatever you charge). Invoices will be sent the week of the tournament but are always available through Tabroom.com. Make checks out to Shawnee Mission West. Please be as prompt as possible with payment.

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