



January 14th, 2026

Dear Forensics Coach:

The Shawnee Mission West Speech and Debate team invites you to enter our Forensics Invitational tournament on **Saturday, March 28th**. We are excited to be a **NIETOC bid** tournament again this year.

To register for the tournament, go to <http://vikingforensics.tabroom.com/>.

Please note, we will not be offering any Friday events as we are hosting our NSDA Congress Qualifier. For all EK schools, we'll do the same set-up as last year where if you have students who end up competing in Congress on Saturday, they can be dropped from their IE events with no fee/penalty.

We can guarantee up to 16 entries per school with no judge burden. Our building can comfortably host 70 rooms of competition, but my squad is not sufficiently large to recruit the judges to cover. Every 6 entries (or portion thereof) over 16 will require an additional (non-sponsor) judge to be entered (16: no judge, 17: one judge, 22: 2 judges, etc.). If you can bring me the judges to cover, you can have an unlimited number of entries on a first-come-first-served basis until we hit our room cap. Otherwise, I will accept named entries in the order of SMSD → EKNSDA → Schools who have been nice to us as our community pool allows.

I will have medals for the top 6 in each event as well as plaques and Viking helmets for the top 3 schools. Sweeps will be determined by the prelim records of your top 16 entries.

Rounds will be 90 minutes and 0 seconds long. No exceptions. The buffer between rounds is to be kind to our judges to give them time to get refreshments and use the restroom; it is NOT dilly-dally time for children. Students **may** triple enter, but the tournament won't be adjusted in any way to accommodate.

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. There will be no refunds for entry adjustments after Monday, March 23rd. You will be able to change names and drop entries through Friday, March 27th.

We will have a pizza meal deal and a concession stand with sweet treats and salty snacks. My building greatly prefers having meal deal and concessions payments separate from everything else. For that reason, ordering day-of is best for us. Day-of meal orders (cash) will be \$5 while Tabroom orders will incur a convenience fee and will be \$6.

Saturday, March 28 th	
Round 1	8:00 AM
Round 2	9:45 AM
Round 3	11:30 AM
Finals	1:30 PM
Awards	A.S.A.P. 😊

We look forward to seeing you at Shawnee Mission West on March 28th!

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Tournament Notes

1. Fees are \$7 per event. Invoices are available through Tabroom.com. Make checks out to Shawnee Mission West Attn: Logan Swafford. 8800 West 85th Street, Overland Park, KS 66212. Please be as prompt as possible with payment, I'm new and have no money.
2. We will follow NSDA and KSHSAA rules except where indicated. When in direct conflict, NSDA rules shall take precedence; for example, Informative Speaking visual aids must follow NSDA guidelines.
3. Informative Speaking is the 10-minute event as defined by NSDA and referred to by KSHSAA as "Informative 10." You may, of course, enter your "Info 7" kids in this division, but history suggests they are unlikely to be competitive.
4. Extemp draw will occur 15 minutes before the scheduled start of each round. We reserve the right to combine USX and IX entries. In that case, students will have the option to draw from either topic pool. All draw topic areas will be communicated as we get closer to the tournament.
5. Extra entries may be awarded at the tournament's discretion, as space permits, such that they do not add rooms or increase the maximum number of entries per event.
6. All coaches/sponsors are in the judge pool to be used on an emergency basis. For entries over 16, teams will need to assign *additional* judges for me to accept off the waitlist. Please feel free to waitlist entries who are not covered by judging. I will accept on a first-come-first-served basis as our community pool permits.
7. Tabulation will use Tabroom.com.
8. The total amount of money owed will be determined by the entries as of Monday, March 23rd. All drops past that date will remain on your invoice.
9. Per the 6A judge timing pilot, judges will be asked to keep time and to follow the procedures in the manual.
10. Competitors who perform in the wrong room will be given the last rank in their assigned room.
11. **NIETOC BIDS** - There are three ways to qualify for the NIETOC, detailed at their web site: <http://nietoc.com/full-details/> Students who achieve the following results in HI, DI, DUO, DA, Extemp, INFO, POI, and OO will each earn one bid toward NIETOC qualification.
 - a) 0-19 contestants - FIRST PLACE bid
 - b) 20-34 contestants - FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD PLACE bid
 - c) 35-50 contestants - ALL FINALISTS bid
12. 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.
13. Hospitality, judge check-in, and ballots will be available in our Library, as usual.
14. Events offered: DI, DUO, HI, IMP, INF, IX, OO, POE, POI, PRO, USX
15. NIETOC bids will be awarded in: DI, DUO, HI, INF, IX, OO, POI, USX