

Dear Coach:

We cordially invite you to attend the [Hays High School Arrowhead Invitation](#) on September 26th, 2026. We will have three divisions of debate: Open (any and all competitors welcome), Junior Varsity (competitors in their first and second years of competition) and Novice (solely case list). Students should be prepared for judges of all styles and experience.



The tournament will be four rounds. Medals will be awarded to the top 8 teams in all divisions. Sweeps will be determined by your top three teams with squads in at least 2 divisions. All entry fees are \$7.00 per team. Registration deadline is September 18th.

We will offer a hospitality room for judges, coaches, and drivers. We will have food trucks available for lunch service at the entrance of our building. We will not be offering any other concessions, but there are several vending machines in the building and a Casey's just down the streets.

All entries will initially be placed on the waitlist. We will admit as many extra entries as possible, but **may require judges for entries beyond 5**. There is **no judge requirement at this time**. However, depending on the size of the tournament, that may change. Advanced debaters with three or more years of experience may be used as judges for Novice rounds.

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 and 4 will be power matched.
3. **Every school** entered in the tournament is required to have a responsible adult in charge for the **full day**. We reserve the right to ask coaches and sponsors to judge, but that will likely not be necessary.
4. Judges will have either a paper or online ballot option.
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.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

(Projected / Tentative)

Round 1 - 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Round 2 - 9:45 AM to 11:15 PM

Lunch 11:15 PM to 12:00 PM

Round 3 - 12:00 PM to 1:30 PM

Round 4 - 1:45 PM to 3:15pm

Awards ASAP (in the Performing Arts Center)

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- Sweepstakes trophies will be given out to the top 4 schools.
- The top 8 teams in each division will medal.
- Tiebreakers will be set in the order of:
 - Win/Loss
 - Ranks from prelim rounds
 - Opponents' average wins from prelims
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 - Head to Head wins (if tied) from prelim round(s)
- Sweeps will be determined by a school's top three entries total.

We look forward to welcoming you and your team to Hays High School for the Arrowhead Invitation. You can [register here on Tabroom](#). We look forward to seeing you and your squad on the 26th of September!

Sincerely,

Paul English
Hays HS Debate Head Coach