



Hoisington High School's

Cardinal Nest

Debate Invitational

Saturday, October 3, 2026

Debate Coach,

You and your debaters are cordially invited to the Hoisington High School Invitational Debate Tournament on Saturday, October 3, 2026. This will be a one-day tournament consisting of four rounds. The tournament will have three divisions: Novice, JV, and Open.

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Novice:

- Only debaters in their first year of the debate season should be entered into the Novice division.
- The Novice [case packet provided by the NDCA](#) ***WILL*** be required and enforced at this tournament for the Novice Division only.
 - If the evidence (articles, quotes, etc.) is in the packet, it may be used by the debaters for their best argumentation. If the evidence is not in the packet, the team will lose the round on a 3-4 ranking following a formal grievance process.
- The novice division may have 3rd- and 4th-year debaters serving as judges.

JV:

- Only debaters in their first or second year of the debate season should be entered into the JV division.
- This division has no packet or evidence limits.

OPEN:

- Debaters from any season can be entered, but third- and fourth-year debaters will only be entered in this division.

Please find our competition rules, details, and schedule below for all divisions:

1. **Entries:** We will initially accept six teams per school, with waitlisted entries also accepted.
2. **Fees:** The entry fee is \$8.00 per team. We will still charge registration fees if you cancel after 5 p.m. on September 25th. (One week out)
3. **DEADLINE:** Final entry numbers are due September 25th. I will close the tabroom to new entries when we are full.
4. **Rules:** We will use the KSHSAA-approved 2026-2027 high school debate topic and regulations. All debates will use the 8-3-5 cross-examination format, with each team having 8 minutes of preparation time. Teams may have to time themselves. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round, through no fault of the tournament, will forfeit the round and receive a three and four-ranking.
5. **Matching:** The first two rounds will be preset, and we will delay the power match for the remaining rounds. Room assignments will be “blasted out” via tabroom.com and printed and posted in the hallway near the Commons area.
6. **Tabroom:** I will use Tabroom.com for tabulation and ballots; however, judges can also fill out paper ballots in each round. Only coaches are allowed in the Tab Room, and I’ll also be training my (Hoisington) students to help run this room. Any help you can provide is welcome. I plan to display the results on a monitor on the tabroom’s wall.
7. **Hardware:** We will medal the top eight teams in each division.
8. **Sweepstakes:** Sweeps will be calculated based on each school’s best three entries in any combination of divisions. For example, the best three teams from your squad will count for your sweepstakes points. The top three teams will receive plaques.
9. **Devices:** Portable computers and iPads are permissible. Teams may not unplug any equipment to charge their devices.
10. **Internet:** I will provide guest Wi-Fi access, but I don’t guarantee its stability. Inability to access the Internet will not be considered grounds for grievances. Be prepared to debate without internet access.
11. **Pools:** Some former debaters (or 3rd- and 4th-year debaters for the novice division) will judge our tournament. Still, the primary judging pool will be comprised of parents of our debaters and community members, so please plan accordingly. Your sponsor may be asked to judge up to 2 rounds on the day of the tournament, which will help us accommodate as many teams as possible.

12. **Food:** A concession stand will be available in the commons area from 7:45 AM until the start of the last round of the day. See the “FCCLA CONCESSION STAND” page for more information. The hospitality room will serve as a judges' lounge, and all judges, coaches, drivers, and sponsors are welcome to breakfast and lunch.

If you are interested in attending our tournament, please register via

<http://hoisington.tabroom.com/>

Or email me at dreisner@usd431.net

Please let us know if you have questions,

Drew Reisner.



Saturday,

October 3rd

Open / JV / Novice

7:00 Doors Open

7:15 Registration

8:00 Round 1

9:30 Round 2

11:00 Round 3

12:30 LUNCH

1:15 Round 4

3:00 = Awards

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CONCESSION STAND

Meal Deals **\$5.00**

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chips, and Water

OR

Pulled Pork Nachos & Water

Nachos **\$3.00**

Candy **\$2.00**

Round Jerky **3 for \$1.00**

Water **\$1.00**

Doughnut **\$.75**

Juice Box **\$.75**

Pop - bottle **\$2.00**

Gatorade/Powerade **\$2.00**

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