

Olathe Northwest Debate
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Dear Debate Coach:

The Olathe Northwest Raven Debate Squad invites you to enter our annual debate tournament to be held on September 25 and 26 at Olathe Northwest High School. We will host two-day competition in two open divisions: DCI and KDC. You may request as many entries as you'd like, as we do not anticipate space constraints. If we do fill, large entries will be granted first to those who can promise reciprocal extras at their tournament. Detailed information will be provided to registered schools.

In **all divisions**, we will host three rounds on Friday and two rounds on Saturday. Following the preliminary rounds, we will host quarterfinals, semifinals, and a final round. We will award medals to the top eight teams. The first two rounds will be preset with the remaining rounds being power matched.

We are also hosting the East Kansas Novice Positive Experience Tournament on Saturday 9/26. This event is only open to schools who are members of the National Speech and Debate Association in the East Kansas district. Schools outside of EKNSDA may not register for this division.

To register for this tournament, go to:

<http://onwdb8.tabroom.com>

Tournament Schedule (Subject to Change)

Friday		Saturday	
2:30	Registration	8:00	Round Four
3:30	Round One	9:45	Round Five
5:30	Round Two	11:30	Quarters
7:30	Round Three	1:45	Semis
		3:30	Finals

Sincerely,
Eric Skoglund, Head Coach
Olathe Northwest Debate

Rules and Regulations



1. Prep time will be 8 minutes for all divisions.
2. Entry fees will be \$6.00 per team (or whatever you charge). Invoices are always available through Tabroom.com.
3. Priority will be given to all entries which are registered on Tabroom as of Tuesday, September 15th, at 5:00pm. After that point, additional entries will be granted as space and judges permit.
4. Your bill 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. In the DCI division, teams must be covered by a judge who is available for all preliminary rounds and one round past your last team's elimination. We will take volunteers who would be interested in staying for semifinal and finals rounds.
6. All coaches/sponsors are on standby to judge in the KDC/Open division. If you would like to be placed in our first-line judge pool, please contact us or put judges in on Tabroom.
7. Any team more than 10 minutes late to a round through no fault of the tournament will forfeit the round.
8. Judges may rejudge teams in elimination rounds without respect to sides or opponents.
9. We will observe KSHSAA rules. We do plan to offer guest wireless access to all competitors and judges.
10. In both Open divisions, all high school competitors are eligible to enter.
11. Tabroom.com will be utilized for all tournament functions. Students are encouraged to use the features of Tabroom. We reserve the right to migrate to paper if technology fails us.
12. All rounds are open to observers, who may flow if they choose to. It is generally inappropriate for debaters at our tournament to request a round be closed, but please do communicate with Skoglund if there are issues that require our attention.

The East Kansas Novice PET

All East Kansas Schools are invited to the East Kansas Novice Positive Experience Tournament. Note that this event is ONLY open to member schools in the East Kansas district. This is not an open novice division.

Details:

- Goal of 1 judge per team. Ideally, a 50/50 split of Varsity Students & Parent Judges. We will panel rounds to maximize feedback to the extent possible.
- \$7 an entry, includes a pizza deal meal for all of the kids. We will ask for your orders ahead of Saturday.
 - Note that this payment will NOT be part of your ONW invitational invoice. You will make these payments directly to EKNSDA; Trey Witt is our treasurer and he can help you with the invoice.
- Varsity Novice = Novices who debated the opening weekend.
- Rookie Novice = Novices at their first tournament.
- Olathe Northwest is the physical host.
- Online ballots required for HS students, strongly encouraged for parent judges. Please indicate paper ballot judges in the notes box while signing them up.
- Use your judgment on which HS students are acceptable judges. They will have minimum word counts for their ballots.
- Best ballot awards for Varsity HS kids. Nominated by coaches.

8a - Opening Meetings – Debaters and Judges

9a - Round 1

11a - Round 2

1p - Round 3

3p - Round 4

ASAP - Awards