

DE SOTO HIGH SCHOOL

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Coaches,

You are invited to attend the Wildcat Debate Invitational at De Soto on October 24th 2026. The tournament will have Open, JV, and Novice Caselist divisions available.

Open- The Open Division will be a five-round, Saturday-only tournament. This division is for all students above the Novice division. We will award the top 8 teams.

JV- The JV Division will be a five-round, Saturday-only tournament. This division is for first and second-year debaters. We will award the top 8 teams.

Novice Caselist- The Novice Division will be a five-round, Saturday-only tournament and will be limited to the Novice Caselist affirmatives and evidence packet. Students are only allowed to read evidence that is found in the packet. Any provable violations of caselist use will result in an auto-loss on a 7. If you wish for your novices to not be bound by these restrictions, please enter them in JV. We will award the top 8 teams.

Format Regulations- Teams will debate CX style with 8-3-5 time constraints and receive 8 minutes of prep time. Debate will follow the 2026-27 NFHS resolution. Rounds 1-2 will be preset; 3-5 will be delay power matched. Students will be expected to report to their room within ten minutes of round start: failure to appear in time (absent the fault of the tournament) will result in a 3-4 forfeit.

Sweeps- Sweepstakes will be awarded to the top three squads based on their four best teams across all divisions (maximum of two entries per division count towards sweeps).

Entry Fees & Limits- \$5 per team. I have about 45 rooms available (90ish teams). I will initially limit schools to eight total entries but anticipate being able to accommodate extras particularly for schools who meet the following criteria: 1) are EKNSDA schools 2) are schools whose tournaments we attend 3) schools that provide us with additional entries at their host tournament.

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Hospitality/Concessions- We will have hospitality for all coaches/judges/sponsors. We will offer a concessions stand with various snacks and drinks available for purchase by competitors. "Real food" for students will not be provided by the tournament.

Schedule-

Round 1 – 8:00

Round 2 – 9:45

Round 3 – 12:00

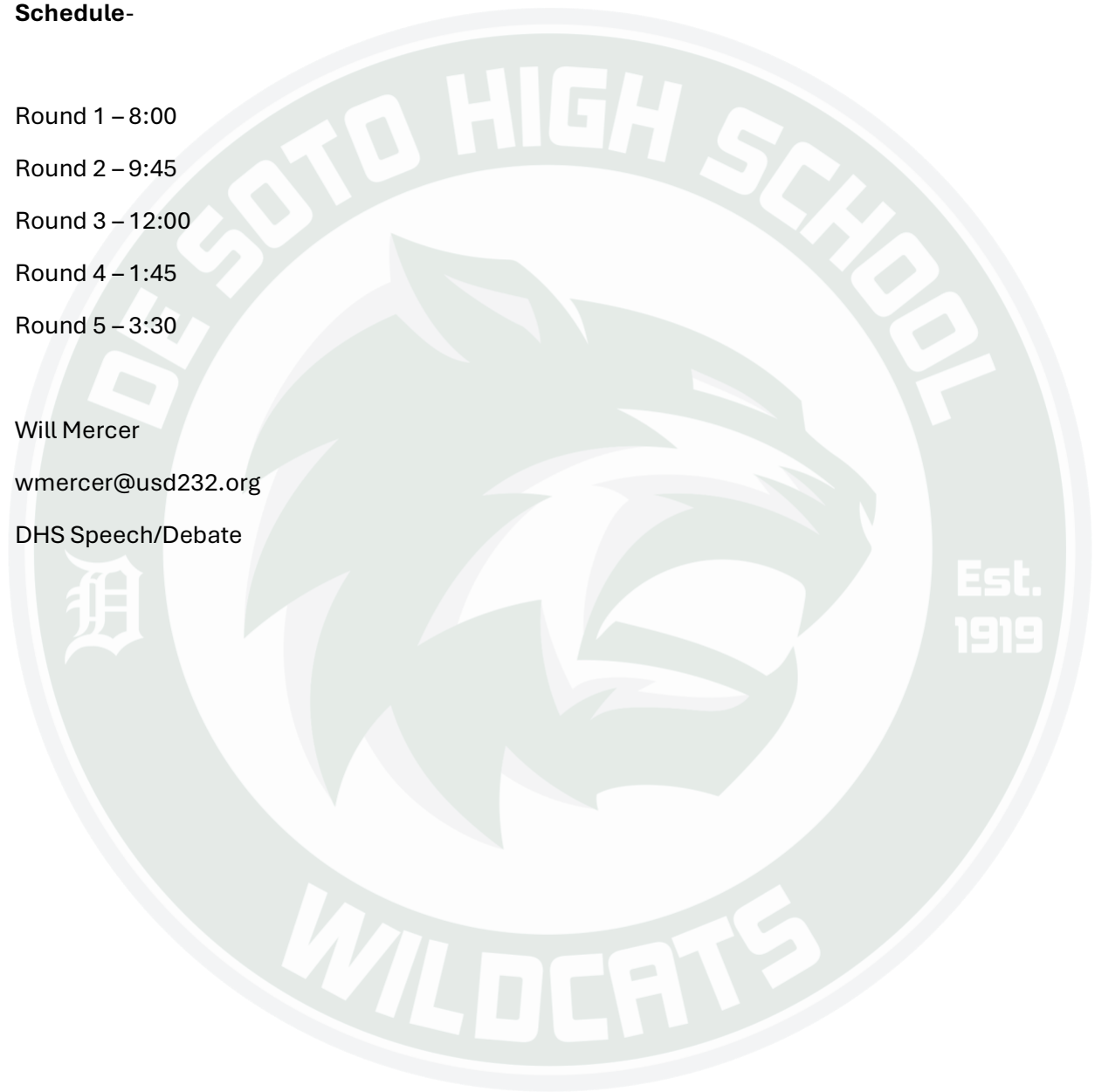
Round 4 – 1:45

Round 5 – 3:30

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DHS Speech/Debate



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