

Host: University of Missouri – Kansas City

Dates: Sep 17-19, 2016

Details: 8 Rounds of CEDA/NDT + Elims in Open

6 Rounds + Elims in JV/Novice

Friday, September 16th

Registration - Online

Saturday, September 12th

8:00 Breakfast & Pairings

8:45 Round 1 Preset

11:15 Round 2 Preset

1:30 Lunch

2:30 pairings round 3

3:15 Round 3

5:30 Dinner

6:15 Pairings Round 4

7:00 Round 4

Sunday, September 13th

7:30 pairings released Rounds 5

8:15 Round 5

11:00 Pairings Round 6

11:45 Round 6

1:30 Lunch

3:15 Pairings Round 7

5:45 Dinner

6:30 Pairings Round 8

7:15 Round 8

Monday, September 19th

All elims at The Kansas City Marriott – Country Club Plaza

7:00am Release Pairings

8:00am Elims Begin

Elims Continue.....

DIVISIONS: We will be offering Open, Junior Varsity, and Novice Divisions. There will be 8 preliminary rounds in open and 6 preliminary rounds in JV/Novice. Please follow the CEDA guidelines for entering your team in the correct division.

We will only collapse divisions if necessary. We will break an appropriate number of teams based on number of entries in a division.

ENTRIES: Please have your entries to me as soon as possible. Drops after Noon Monday of the tournament week will still be assessed entry fees due to food, trophy, and judging costs.

TIME LIMITS: Time limits will be 9-3-6 with 10 minutes of prep time per team. We will enforce a decision time of 2:30 for all debates.

JUDGING: Each school is expected to provide qualified judges to accompany their teams. You are responsible for 4 rounds of judging for every one team entered. All judges are committed through the first FULL elim debate in open or one round past their teams' elimination, whichever occurs last. Please do your best to hire judges if you need to as opposed to trying to hire them through us. If you do need to hire a judge, the fee will be \$250.00 per uncovered team. Please give me plenty of notice if you need to hire someone. If you are bringing extra judges, let me know how many rounds they would like to be hired for. Judges **MUST** render a decision by marking a loser and a winner of each debate. Only one team can win and only one can lose. Judges not following this will have their ballot changed with a coin toss and have their best team's record altered by forfeiting a win at the conclusion of prelims. If you are bringing more teams than you can cover, and are splitting your judge commitments among your coaches, it is vital that you have enough judges on elim day to cover at a minimum the number of teams you clear.

FEES: \$70 per person. Fees only cover the cost of hosting the tournament.

TEAMS: Teams should be comprised of two debaters from the same school or two debaters, each from a different school.

All teams, including hybrids will be allowed to advance to elims and win speaker awards. UMKC debaters may participate in the tournament and advance to elim rounds.

SCOUTING: Please have 1ac information ready at the time of registration, in the format necessary to upload to the casebook.

TAB ROOM: The tab room will use the latest version of the CAT tabulation software and the new www.tabroom.com entry and balloting system. Tab will use SOP matching (No H/L or H/H).

UNIVERSITY TOBACCO POLICY: UMKC has banned all tobacco use on campus. This includes all cigarettes and e-cigarettes. Smoking is still permitted on public right-of-ways on campus. City roads and sidewalks that run through campus are the most convenient places to smoke. Please ask if you are unclear if smoking is allowed in a certain place. This is a facilities issue and violating the policy puts the future hosting of tournaments in jeopardy.

FOOD: The tournament will provide 6 meals: breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday and Sunday. There are extensive food options around the hotel as well.

While our barbecue options have been highlighted, our vegetarian fare is also top notch. We will feature vegetarian/vegan options from Eden Alley: http://www.edenalley.com/menu_everyday.html. I have eaten the meals that we serve, and I can assure you that they are quite good. If you require any specific accommodation, please ask.

AWARDS: An appropriate number of team and speaker awards will be given in each division. As per usual we will be giving out customized bottles of delicious BBQ sauce, a KC tradition.

ELIMS: Brackets will not be broken in elimination debates.

HOTEL:

The hotel is different this year. We are excited to be back at the Marriott by campus at the same rate as last year \$114. The link is below.

[Book your group rate for UMKC Baby Jo Debate](#)

or copy/paste: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkData=UMKC%20Baby%20Jo%20Debate%5EMCIPL%60umkumke%7Cumkumkb%60114.00%60USD%60false%604%609/16/16%609/20/16%608/26/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

UMKC Baby Jo Debate

Start date: 9/16/16

End date: 9/20/16

Last day to book: 8/26/16

Marriott hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza for 114.00 USD per night

Rate includes complimentary WIFI in guest rooms

SEXUAL HARRASSMENT/ETHICS: The CEDA statement on Sexual Harassment will be upheld. A tournament harassment committee will be appointed to deal with any issues that arise. The tournament and its participants will also adhere to CEDA Bylaws regarding the Statement on Ethical Principles.

ENTERING THE TOURNAMENT: Entry is on www.tabroom.com

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to email me. We hope to see you in September!

Sincerely,

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