

September 2024

Dear Debate Coaches, Captains, and Friends of Mexican Debate,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 14th annual ASOMEX Debate Tournament at The American School Foundation A.C. This year's tournament will be held in-person on the following date:

Date	Time	Activities
Friday October 11th, 2024	7:45 am - 4:30 pm	Opening Ceremony & Preliminary Rounds Round 1, Round 2, Round 3
	4:40 - 9 pm	Semifinals & Finals

Team Registration:

There will be a single High School division during this tournament, but Varsity Middle Schoolers are welcome. There is no tournament cost (since the cafeteria and Starbucks will be open to purchase food and beverages).

We will not limit the amount of teams you can bring, however, we only have space for an even number of teams meaning that we will take registration on a first-come, first-serve basis to avoid any tabulation problems. All teams must have a maximum of 5 members.

Your institution must provide a judge for the entirety of the tournament for every team in the competition plus an extra judge. This means that if your institution signs up two teams, you must provide three judges.

Only institutional teams with a faculty advisor/coach can register since ASF cannot be liable for students without adult supervision.

Please register by filling out the Excel registration template attached to the invitation email or found on our <u>Tournament Website</u>.

Submit your registration form using this link by **Wednesday, October 2nd at noon**: <u>https://forms.gle/36jCVxE3AJpd8M9o7</u>

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Tournament Information:

All information can be found on the: <u>ASOMEX Halloween Debate Tournament Website</u>.

It is imperative that you reference our <u>Tournament Rules & Guidelines</u> and our Prepared Motions to be ready for the tournament. There are some changes to the requirements for Prepared Motions in terms of research and evidence - in the form of cut cards. Please ensure your debaters know that their evidence might be collected at the end of the prepared rounds and will count toward their evaluation.

The following is a set of resources we consider valuable as you prepare for the tournament:

- Our <u>ASF Speech & Debate Site</u> which includes an overview of our team, our history, and some general resources and tools for oratory and debating.
- WSDC Debating Guide
- WSDC Judging Guide
- Judge Training

We hope that you and your students will join us this October to become a part of our debate community. We look forward to hearing you *unleash your voice!*

On behalf of The American School Foundation Speech & Debate Team,

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