**Inman Middle School   
Debate Policies**

At Inman Middle School we believe wholeheartedly in the "whole person" concept.

Teaching life lessons through academic growth is the bedrock of our school. Participation in   
extracurricular activities including the Debate Team serves to reinforce those lessons. The Debate Team forms part of the diverse co- curricular program that is vital to the total education offerings at Inman. In this endeavor, the Debate Team serves as an extension of the classroom. Students learn hands on about discipline, dedication, desire, commitment, sacrifice, teamwork, sportsmanship and   
school spirit. In order for all involved in Inman Debate Team to have a positive experience, it is   
important that the following policies are followed.

**1. Attendance**

All team members are expected to attend all practices, tournaments and team meetings. A team member may not accumulate more than two unexcused absences from practices. After 2 unexcused absences, the student will be issued a warning, and if the student has another unexcused absence, the student may be asked to leave the team. Each practice is important, especially because we meet only once a week. All team members are expected to be on time for all team events. In the event you must be late, please notify the coach immediately. Students late due to socializing with peers or not following Inman Middle School policies will not be allowed to participate in that day’s practice or contest. Without prior approval from the debate coach, Ms. Moore, students may **not miss more than 2 tournaments per year**, and will be asked to leave the team after the second missed tournament.

**2. Student Conduct**

Debate Team students are expected to be leaders and role models at Inman Middle School. Students are expected to display sportsmanlike behavior towards all opponents, officials, teammates and coaches. Any student receiving detentions or ISS will not be allowed to practice on the day the detention or ISS is served. This absence will go as an unexcused absence towards the student’s attendance. Any student receiving ISS/OSS will not be allowed to participate in the next scheduled contest. A student- athlete receiving two ISS/OSS suspensions during the season will be removed from the squad.

**3. Parent Code of Conduct**

Parents are expected to be role models for the students. Parents are expected to   
display sportsmanlike behavior towards all opponents, officials, teammates and coaches.   
If a parent has a concern that requires a conference, please contact the coach to set a time   
to meet. No parent should approach a coach before, during, or immediately after a   
practice or contest.

**4. Student Pick-Up**

Students are expected to be picked up on time from all practices, tournaments and team   
meetings. **All students should be picked up no later than 15 minutes after the end   
of the designated practice or tournament time.** Violations of this policy cannot be tolerated. The first offense will serve as a warning and on the second violation, either a solution to the   
problem will be in place or dismissal from the team will be discussed.

My signature signifies that I have read all the policies outlined above and agree to abide   
by such for the 2016-2017 school year.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Dr. B. Bockman, Principal