



We are pleased to extend to you an invitation to the UBC Debate Society's High School Tournament. We are excited to offer a competitive and educational experience for new and seasoned debaters alike. Key details and dates for the tournament are listed below:

Tournament Dates: Saturday, April 7th and Sunday, April 8th

Location: UBC Main Campus (Specific locations will be released in the Stage 2 invite)

Registration Fee: \$105 (payment details to be released with the Stage 2 invite)

Stage 1 Registration Dates: Opens Monday, February 12th 5pm and closes Friday, February 23rd 12pm (Noon)

Stage 2 Registration Dates: Opens Monday, February 26th 12pm (Noon) and closes Thursday, March 29th 12pm (Noon)

Team Cap: 5 team cap (for each: Junior, Senior and Novice)

Judging Requirement: One judge per team

Format – Senior (Grades 11 and 12)

The senior category of the tournament will be conducted in British Parliamentary style using five-minute speeches. There will be four impromptu rounds on Saturday followed by an impromptu semi-final and final on Sunday. A written guide to British Parliamentary style has been sent to coaches along with the invitation, and experienced UBC debaters will conduct a briefing explaining how to debate in BP style before the tournament begins.

Format – Junior (Grades 8 through 10)

The junior category of the tournament will be conducted in Canadian National Debate Format, using standard junior speaking times (six-minute constructive). A written guide to CNDF has

been sent to coaches along with the invitation, and UBC debaters will conduct a briefing on how to debate in CNDF before rounds begin. Four prepared rounds on two topics will take place on Saturday, teams will argue both sides of the motion. On Sunday, the fifth round will be impromptu, followed by an impromptu final. After the junior final, all are invited to stay to watch the senior final. The topics for the two junior prepared rounds will be given in the Stage 2 invitation.

Registration

We will be accepting registration starting on February 12th and ending on February 23rd, to register complete the google form link below. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis, and each school may register as many as five teams. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to accommodate all schools' requests for teams, and therefore suggest that you register as soon as possible after registration opens. Schools that would like to register more than five teams should indicate this in the waitlist section of the form. Once registration closes we will send emails to schools that requested waitlisted teams letting them know whether they have been given spots by February 25th, and we will expect confirmation of spots by February 28th- this does not have to be names, but a commitment to sending another team. The confirmation email should go to vpinternal@ubcdebate.com and include the name of the school or institution, the name and phone number of the coach and/or school sponsor(s). Students must represent the school or institution they are being registered from. If students are registered under another institution or school than where they are being registered from, they will be disqualified. We will respond to registration emails within 48 hours confirming that we have received an email.

Link: <https://goo.gl/forms/zbC1PeVg6GHlkLFx1>

Payment:

The online payment platform will be released in Stage 2 of the invite. We will **not** be taking payments during the tournament unless alternative payment options are organized prior to the tournament.

Judging Requirement:

Debate tournaments rely on having sufficient numbers of judges in order to run smoothly. As

such, we require that schools provide **one judge for every team**. Every judge at the tournament will be provided with a judging guide, and a judging briefing explaining how to judge debates will be conducted prior to the beginning of rounds. Judges can be anyone who is **over 18 and is fluent in English**. Think of parents or guardians, grandparents, siblings, aunts, uncles, family friends, former students, etc. Teams who do not have judges or whose judges leave will be dropped from the tournament.

We strongly encourage all adults present to participate in the tournament as judges. Those adults who elect not to judge and who are not coaches or chaperones representing a school will be charged an observer fee of \$15 to allay the costs associated with providing meals throughout the two days of the tournament.

Meals

We will provide meals for debaters, judges and coaches, including breakfast, lunch and a light dinner on Saturday, and breakfast, and lunch on Sunday. Vegetarian options will be available, and we will do our best to accommodate other dietary restrictions or provide a discount on registration provided that we are made aware of them during the registration period.

Preliminary Schedule

Note that this schedule is subject to change; it should only be used as a general outline for planning your attendance. However, we do plan on ending on time this year.

Junior Tournament

Saturday

8:30AM: Registration Opens

9:15AM: Registration Closes (at 4:30 sharp, anyone arriving after this time will unfortunately not be allowed to compete). Breakfast is served.

9:30 AM: Briefings (Debater and Judge) begin.

10:15 AM: Round 1

12:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM: Round 2

3:00 PM: Round 3

5:00 PM: Light refreshments

5:30 PM: Round 4

Proceeding the final round on Saturday, debaters and parents are welcome to leave.

Sunday

9:00AM: Registration Opens. Breakfast is served.

9:30AM: Registration Closes (at 9:30 AM sharp, anyone arriving after this time will unfortunately not be allowed to compete).

9:45 AM: Briefings (Debater and Judge) begin.

10:00 AM: Round 5

12:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM: Junior Final

3:30 PM: Senior Final

5:30 PM: Award Ceremony

Senior Tournament

Saturday

8:30 AM: Registration Opens

9:15 AM: Registration Closes (at 4:30 sharp, anyone arriving after this time will unfortunately not be allowed to compete). Dinner is served.

9:30 AM: Briefings (Debater and Judge) begin.

10:15 AM: Round 1

12:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM: Round 2

3:00 PM: Round 3

5:00 PM: Light refreshments

5:30 PM: Round 4

Proceeding the final round on Saturday, debaters and parents are welcome to leave.

Sunday

9:00 AM: Registration Opens. Breakfast is served.

9:30 AM: Registration Closes (at 9:30 AM sharp, anyone arriving after this time will unfortunately not be allowed to compete).

9:45 AM: Briefings (Debater and Judge) begin.

10:00 AM: Round 5

12:00 PM: Lunch

1:00 PM: Semifinals

3:30 PM: Finals

5:30 PM: Award Ceremony

Please direct all questions to vpinternal@ubcdebate.com.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Gilby

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