



**Dear member of the debate community,**

I am very excited to invite you to the 2019 Queen's National High School Debating Championships, held at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario from **January 11-13th, 2019**. The Queen's Debating Union is the oldest debate club in Canada, having been established 175 years ago. This tournament is one of the premier debate competitions on the high school circuit, always featuring a high level of debate. Be sure to apply early, as this tournament fills up quickly, and you don't want to miss it!

### **Tournament Information**

This year's tournament will consist of six rounds of preliminary debate (two on Friday and four on Saturday) all in Canadian parliamentary style. The top 16 teams will break to Octo-finals on Sunday. Winners will then proceed to Quarters, Semis and a Grand Final. There will also be a U15 final for all competitors aged 15 or under on the 31st of August 2018. The first four rounds of debate will all have open adjudication, meaning that debaters will be told the outcome of the round and given constructive feedback from their judge(s). All motions will be straight motions. Squirreling, or changing the motion is strictly prohibited.

### **Adjudication**

The Chief Adjudicators of this tournament will be Corey Davidson and Patrick Cowley. Both are highly successful debaters and experienced judges. Patrick is the tournament director for the North American University Debating Championships to be hosted by the Queen's Debating Union this November. He is also the 2017 Central Novice champion, 2017 Guindon semi-finalist and was the deputy chief adjudicator for the 2018 Queen's High Schools. Corey is currently the Queen's Debating Union Critic (VP). He is also the 2018 Leger Cup champion and a two-time semi-finalist at Dorchester. Both Corey and Patrick will be competing in the 2019 World Universities Debating Championship to be held in Cape Town, South Africa. The adjudication pool at the tournament will consist of a large amount of experienced university debaters.

### **Mentoring**

Over the weekend mentoring will be provided as a resource for the debaters. The experienced members of the Queen's Debating Union will be running sessions to answer questions regarding debate, university life and Queen's University in general. Information regarding seminar topics and specific mentors will be released closer to the tournament.

## Awards

Awards will recognize the top 10 overall speakers as well as the top three speakers from the U15 category. Awards will be given to all Octo-finalists, Quarter-finalists, Semi-finalists and Finalists.

## Accommodations

The QDU has group rates for the Delta Kingston Waterfront Hotel! The room rates are \$145.00/night and apply to all the rooms we have on hold, with a variety of occupancy options. The Delta is willing to work with individual schools to accommodate their specific needs. The hotel is about a 15-minute walk to Queen's Campus. Saturday night, our banquet will be held at the Delta, making it a very convenient place to stay. They also offer many services such as free wireless Internet and an indoor pool. To access the deal, call the hotel as soon as possible and tell them you are with the Queen's Debating Union. Act quickly because rooms are limited and the deal ends December 10th, 2018.

There is no obligation to use this hotel deal. However, it is difficult to find affordable places to stay near campus in Kingston. As such we would highly recommend taking advantage of this deal.

## Registration

Registration, as in previous years, will be \$200.00 per team. This includes six rounds of debate, Saturday banquet, Friday dinner, and Saturday/Sunday breakfast and lunch. While we encourage everyone to attend the banquet, as it is an enjoyable social event for debaters as well a nice break from the tournament, you can opt out. The banquet cost is \$25.00. That being said, with the opt-out for both debaters, registration is \$150.00. With the opt-out for one debater, registration is \$175.00. Coaches may also attend the banquet for an additional \$25.00.

A non-refundable deposit of \$120.00 (per team) is due by **November 30th, 2018**. The deposit is \$105.00 if one debater wants to opt-out of the banquet and \$90.00 if both choose to opt-out. You are welcome to pay in full immediately, but you also have the option to pay the remainder of the \$200.00 registration in person at the beginning of the tournament in January. Please indicate on your registration form, which you choose to do. You must pay by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made out to the "Queen's Debating Union". Please mail cheques to:

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Queen's Debating Union  
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Kingston, Ontario  
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Be sure to include the tournament registration forms in the envelope. You can reserve spots by submitting the forms electronically to [highschools@queensdebatingunion.org](mailto:highschools@queensdebatingunion.org). Please note that teams are **not registered until the deposit is received**.

The team cap for each school is **5 teams** for now. However, after the registration deadline, additional spots will be allocated allowing schools to have more teams if there is space. Please indicate on your registration form if you are interested in receiving additional teams, and if so, how many.

Registration will open on **October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11am** and close on **November 30th at midnight**. Team spots fill very quickly so don't wait to register!

### **Chaperone Policy**

All teams must have a chaperone who will register and accompany them to the tournament in January. The chaperone must be **18 years or older** at the time of registration and must also provide proof of age in the form of photo ID (e.g. a driver's licence photocopy) as an attachment to the registration and chaperone forms. The chaperone can be a member of school staff, coach, parent or guardian that will assume responsibility for the students they are bringing for the duration of the tournament.

One chaperone can assume responsibility for as many teams as the set team cap (5 teams) and may only assume responsibility for teams from the same school. In accordance with the team cap there can only be one chaperone group per institution. If an institution is suspected of breaking the team cap by for example, registering more teams under a separate chaperone and institution name, all teams from the institution will be barred from attending the tournament either this year or for future years. During the tournament, the chaperone **must be present with Photo ID** in order to register their teams on the first day and to sign teams in at the start of each consecutive day.

**Tournament Registration Form**

School/institution name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Teams: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Debaters (listed in teams):

**Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Debater #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Individuals **NOT** attending the banquet: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Potential Extra Teams: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions:

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Amount of money attached: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you paying the entire fee now, or at the tournament? \_\_\_\_\_

## Chaperone Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name) assume responsibility for all students registered under \_\_\_\_\_ (institution name) for the duration of the Queen's National High Schools Debating Championships. I understand that I am solely responsible for all students under my care at all times, whether on or off Queen's University property. I understand it is my job to sign students in at the beginning of the tournament as well as at the start of every consecutive tournament day and that I will only be able to do so with valid photo ID.

By signing below, I acknowledge I am at least 18 years of age as of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and will provide photo ID proof of age as an attachment to this form. **Please note: team spots will not be reserved without a completed chaperone form and a valid ID attachment.**

I also acknowledge that it is my responsibility to make my students aware of tournament policies, rules and proper debate conduct prior to attending and will ensure that they abide by them during the tournament.

As the representative of my institution, I agree to abide by the 5-team cap, understanding that if my institution is suspected of breaking it, all teams from my institution will be barred from attending this year and/or for future years.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_