

Dear Debaters,

It is our pleasure to invite you to participate in the University of Western Ontario Debate Society's inaugural:

Bishop Isaac Hellmuth Cup

This debate tournament will be run in the style of British Parliamentary from **February 1st – 2nd**. Additional itinerary details will be provided shortly. Registration will be \$140 per competing team.

As per usual, you can expect a high standard of judging and debate that the University of Western Ontario Debate Society takes pride in. Recognition at our tournaments are held in high regard by the entire university community.

To confirm your attendance or if you have any additional questions, please e-mail me at anani@uwo.ca.

We hope to see you there!

Best Regards,

Albi Nani

Tournament Director



Tournament Schedule



Friday, November 9th	
4:00 PM	Registration Opens
5:00 PM	Registration Closes
5:15 PM	Welcome Ceremony Dinner, Debater and Judges Briefing
6:00 PM	Round 1 Pairings Announced
6:15 PM	Round 1
7:30 PM	Round 2 Pairings Announced
7:45 PM	Round 2

Saturday, November 10th	
8:30 AM	Breakfast/Sign-In
9:20 AM	Round 3 Pairings Announced
9:35 AM	Round 3
10:50 AM	Round 4 Pairings Announced
11:05 AM	Round 4
12:00 PM	Lunch and Mentorship Seminar
1:15 PM	Round 5 (Hidden Quarterfinals) Pairings Announced
1:30 PM	Round 5
2:45 PM	Semi Finals Break Announced
3:00 PM	Semi Finals
4:00 PM	Finals Break Announced
4:15 PM	Finals
5:15 PM	Award Ceremony

List of Roles

Team Roles

Opening Government (OG):

- ❖ Define important terms, outline the parameters of the debate, outline how the policy would work
- ❖ Outline the win criteria for the debate and the context the debate takes place in
- ❖ Construct 2-4 arguments that support the motion
- ❖ Refute the claims made by the Leader of the Opposition (LO)
- ❖ Rebuild the challenges made against your case

Opening Opposition (OO):

- ❖ Make challenges about the model should it be unfair
- ❖ Give own interpretation of the context that the debate takes place in, how status quo functions
- ❖ Construct 2-4 arguments that oppose the motion
- ❖ Refute the claims made by the Opening Government
- ❖ Rebuild the challenges made onto your case

Closing Government (CG):

- ❖ Construct at least one new “extension” argument that is different than what was said by OG
- ❖ Refute the arguments made by the OO
- ❖ Refute the extension made by OO
- ❖ Outline and summarize the debate, explaining why CG wins

Closing Opposition (CO):

- ❖ Construct at least one new “extension” argument that is different than what was said by OO
- ❖ Refute the remaining arguments from OG
- ❖ Refute the extension from CG
- ❖ Outline and summarize the debate, explaining why CO wins

Speaker Roles (listed in speaker order)

Prime Minister (PM):

- ❖ Explain the model for the debate
 - What is and is not a part of the debate
 - How would this policy be implemented
 - Where does this debate take place
- ❖ Outline the win criteria for the debate
 - “In order for a team to win this debate the need to explain if this policy is just, can be done, and will be beneficial”
- ❖ Construct 2-4 arguments that are in favour of the motion

Leader of the Opposition (LO):

- ❖ Challenge the definition or critique the model if the OO think it is an unfair definition
 - Most times the model is actually fair and is not worth challenging
 - If you think the PM was incorrect about how the round is won or the context that the debate takes place in you can deal with that in rebuttle.
- ❖ Refute some of the claims made by the PM
- ❖ Construct 2-4 motions against the motion

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM):

- ❖ Deal with challenges to the model if any are made by the LO
- ❖ rebuild the arguments made by the Prime Minister should challenges have been made by the leader of the opposition
- ❖ refute the arguments made by the leader of the opposition
- ❖ new constructive is allowed and is not mandatory

Deputy Leader of the Opposition (DLO):

- ❖ Repeat the entirety of the opening government case
- ❖ Rebuild the arguments made by the leader of the opposition
- ❖ Can give new construction material although not mandatory

Member of Government: (MG):

- ❖ Give a new extension argument that is different than what was said by the opening government Team new line
- ❖ refute the arguments made of five open opposition especially if a new argument was made in the DLow speech

Member of Opposition (MO):

- ❖ Giving you extension argument that is different than what was made by the opening opposition
- ❖ refute of the new extension that has come out of the mg
- ❖ Refute any remaining arguments made by the opening government

Government Whip (GW):

- ❖ Outline the themes that have existed in the debate summarize what has happened and explain why closing government particularly wins the debate
- ❖ refutes the extension made by the closing opposition
- ❖ rebuild any material from your extension that has been refuted
- ❖ No new arguments can be made

Opposition Whip (OW):

- ❖ Outline the things that have existed in the debate summarized on an outline why closing opposition has when has won the debate
- ❖ refute any remaining arguments in the government case
- ❖ Rebuild the extension material brought up on your partner in the event that it has been refuted
- ❖ No new arguments can be made

FAQ for rules at Western Highschools

Q: How long are speeches

A: 5 minutes. However you will be allowed 15 seconds of gracetime after five minutes has passed to finish up your speech.

Q: What are the rules on POIs for the tournament?

A: We expect speakers to accept one (1) POI per speech, not accepting a POI will be considered a flaw in your speech. When offering a POI speakers should not exceed more than 15 seconds.

Q: Are written materials allowed to be used in prep?

A: Yes. If you happen to have issues of the economist on you, a big binder of facts, or notes from previous debates you've been in you're allowed to use them in prep time. This is in accordance with how the Worlds Universities Debating Championships allows teams to use prep time. However, this may not be an optimal strategy as finding the correct facts or notes may be very time consuming.