



Dear Coach,

On behalf of the McGill Debating Union, we are pleased to invite you to our upcoming Winter Bonanza High School Debating Championships. The important information regarding this year's tournament is as follows:

Date: Friday February 1 and Saturday February 2, 2019

Location: McGill's downtown campus in Montreal

Registration Fee: \$150 per team

Registration Deadline: Monday January 21, 2018

Team Cap: 5 teams per school, 2 debaters per team

Format:

The tournament will consist of six rounds of Canadian Parliamentary impromptu debate, two on Friday and four on Saturday, breaking to semi-finals and junior finals. This tournament will not include a prepared round.

Registration:

Registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to register is January 21; however, based on past experience, we recommend that you register as soon as possible as spots fill up very quickly. Schools are permitted to register up to five teams initially, and may submit additional teams who will be placed on the waiting list. Teams from the waiting list may be permitted to attend if the tournament registration cap is not met by January 21.

Please inform us of the number of teams you would like to send by the registration deadline. We will try to accommodate as many teams as possible. We would like the

names of the debaters as well as any dietary restrictions that they may have by January 21.

This information can be sent to winterbonanza2019@gmail.com.

A deposit of \$60 per team must be paid by the registration deadline in order to reserve space in the tournament. Please note that all deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable: if a registered team drops out, their deposit cannot be refunded or used to subsidize the remaining balance for the other teams from their school. Cheques should be made out to the McGill Debating Union. We ask for your cooperation in only registering as many teams as you intend to send.

Deposit cheques can be mailed to:

McGill Debating Union c/o SSMU Front Desk 3480 McTavish Street
Montreal, Quebec
H3A 1X9

Accommodation:

A reduced rate will be provided at the Best Western Ville-Marie. We will provide additional details within the next few days once the prices have been finalized.

Meals:

We will provide dinner on Friday February 1, and breakfast, lunch and snacks on Saturday February 2. There will also be a reception for coaches on Saturday afternoon at which refreshments will be served. Please provide us with any information relevant to special dietary requirements in advance.

We look forward to seeing you at McGill University!

Sincerely,

Amy Gan & Logan Stack
Tournament Co-Directors

Winter Bonanza 2019 Schedule:

FRIDAY, Feb 1

1:00-4:30 | Registration
4:30-5:00 | Dinner
5:00-5:40 | Briefings
5:40-6:00 | Pairings
6:00-7:20 | Round 1
7:20-7:40 | Pairings
7:40-9:00 | Round 2

SATURDAY, Feb 2

8:00-8:30 | Breakfast / Check-In
8:30-8:50 | Pairings
8:50-10:10 | Round 3
10:10-10:30 | Pairings
10:30-11:50 | Round 4
11:50-12:50 | Lunch / Seminar
12:50-1:10 | Pairings
1:10-2:30 | Round 5
2:30-2:50 | Pairings
2:50-4:00 | Round 6
4:00-4:20 | Break Announcement
4:20-5:40 | Semi-Finals and Junior Finals
5:40-6:00 | Finals Announcement
6:00-7:20 | Finals
7:20-7:50 | Awards

Information on purchasing MDU apparel will follow.