



Appleby College Debate Society

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Dear Coaches, Debaters and Judges,

On behalf of the Appleby College Debate Society, I am pleased to invite you to the first annual Appleby Novice Debate Tournament, taking place on **June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. Hosted on our beautiful 60-acre campus in Oakville, the Appleby Novice offers a premier learning experience for junior debaters, with an adjudication team and judging pool including seasoned high school and university debaters. The tournament is open to students in **Grades 7 to 9** and will be capped at 50 teams. Our goal is to offer students the opportunity to expand their skills through friendly competition.

The Appleby Novice will feature four (4) guaranteed rounds of high-quality Canadian Parliamentary (CP) debate, with a straight break to finals. There will be a catered lunch with snacks being provided throughout the day. Registration fees will be **\$25 per debater** and there will be awards presented to the top speakers as well as the top teams.

The prepared resolution for this tournament will be as follows:

**TH, as Canada, would strip prisoners of the right to vote.**

Debaters will debate both the proposition and opposition sides in rounds 1 and 2. Round 3 and 4 will be impromptu.

This document contains registration details in addition to more information on the tournament itself. If you have any questions concerning the tournament, feel free to contact me at [debate@appleby.on.ca](mailto:debate@appleby.on.ca)

We look forward to welcoming you to Appleby this upcoming June!

Kind regards,

**Riaz Mahmud**

Director, Appleby College Debate Society

Tournament Director and Chief Adjudicator, 2019 Appleby Novice Debate Tournament



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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

The Appleby Novice is geared towards providing a friendly learning environment for beginner debaters. Debaters who have broken at any tournament or have previously qualified for junior nationals are strongly requested **not** to take part.

## REGISTRATION

For registration purposes, “institution” refers to a group of spots reserved under the same name. An institution could be a school, debate academy, or an independent group of students. Institutions are able to reserve spots by emailing [debate@appleby.on.ca](mailto:debate@appleby.on.ca). The reservation window will close on **April 29, 2019**. We urge institutions to reserve spots as soon as possible to hold their place in the tournament.

There will be a soft team cap of eight (8) teams per institution. Each institution is required to **register one (1) judge for every two (2) teams** they send to the tournament. Judges may be coaches, parents, or senior (grade 12) debaters. In the case that an institution wishes to designate an experienced debater as a judge who is not a grade 12 student, an exception can be made by contacting the tournament director. Additional teams may be requested by institutions at the time of registration and will be confirmed after the final registration deadline, but please note that the judge to team ratio is crucial for the tournament to run properly.

To confirm spots, the following must be completed by **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**:

1. All team and supervisor information must be submitted
2. Payment sent to the Appleby College Debate Society

**The registration fee will be \$50 per team** (\$25 per debater). Coaches and judges are not required to pay fees. You can either pay via cheque or credit card. All cheques can be made payable to: “**Appleby College**” and mailed to the school at the following mailing address along with waivers:

Appleby College c/o Janet Kurusanather  
540 Lakeshore Road West  
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**IMPORTANT NOTE: Please reference the following in the “memo” line: ST1940**

You may also choose to fill out the credit card information form attached to the invitation email and email it back to [debate@appleby.on.ca](mailto:debate@appleby.on.ca)



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## JUDGING

Every room at this tournament is expected to receive high-quality judging. However, in order for this tournament to run on time, judges will be limited to a **maximum time of 10 minutes** to reach a decision and send their ballots to the tabs room. Judges will also have an additional 10 minutes afterwards to give feedback to the debaters.

Panels of two judges or more will be made when possible to maximize the number of rooms that benefit from panel judging. If no consensus can be reached after 5 minutes of deliberation, the chair is expected to make the final call. The chair also determines speaker scores, consulting the scoring guide released at the Judges' Briefing.

## EQUITY

The Appleby Novice is committed to promoting a safe, fun, and comfortable environment for all competitors. Equity is an important part of that commitment. Debaters who feel they have been personally attacked by another competitor due to their race, ethnicity, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or other factors of their personal identity, are encouraged to seek redress.

At a young age, it is important that students learn how to respect one another. If an issue of equity arises, we will first attempt to facilitate a constructive discussion between the parties involved. For any equity violations over the course of the tournament, you can approach Alyssa Gaylard, who will be the Equity Officer at this tournament.



## DEBATE FORMAT

All rounds will be taking place in traditional Canadian Parliamentary (CP) style debate with **5 minute** speaking times. For rounds one and two, debaters will not be given additional preparation time before the round. For rounds three and four, debaters will be given approximately 20 minutes of preparation time. Below is a style guide:

**Prime Minister (5 Minutes)** — The goal of the Prime Minister speech is to define the terms of the debate and in some cases, put forward the model. From there the speaker is expected to give two to four arguments defending the motion. The first and last 30 seconds of this speech is protected time and no POI's may be asked during that time.

**Leader of Opposition (5 minutes)** — The Role of the Leader of Opposition speech is to briefly refute the arguments made by the Prime Minister in the previous speech and challenge the model if necessary. The speaker is also expected to raise two to four arguments outlining why the motion must fall. The first and last 30 seconds of this speech is protected time and no POI's may be asked during that time.

**Minister of the Crown (5 minutes)** — The speaker is expected to refute the arguments made by the previous speaker and rebuild the arguments made by their partner. The first and last 30 seconds of this speech is protected time and no POI's may be asked during that time.

**Member of Opposition (5 minutes)** - If the speaker intends on bringing forward a new argument it is highly recommended that this be done towards the beginning of the speech in order for the other side to have appropriate time to respond. The speaker is expected to refute the arguments made by the previous speaker and rebuild the arguments made by their partner. The first and last 30 seconds of this speech is protected time and no POI's may be asked. POI's may be asked at any other point in the speech.

**Leader of Opposition Rebuttal (2 minutes)** - The Leader of Opposition returns to the floor to deliver a summary speech outlining the key points of clash that occurred in the round and why their team has won on that clash. No new material is to be brought up in this speech. POI's are not allowed during this speech.

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## PRELIMINARY TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<b><i>Timing</i></b>	<b><i>Event</i></b>
<b>8:30 - 9:00</b>	Registration in the Dining Hall Foyer
<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	Judges' Briefing in the LEC Debaters' Briefing in the Dining Hall
<b>9:30 - 10:20</b>	Round 1
<b>10:30 - 11:20</b>	Round 2
<b>11:20 - 12:00</b>	Lunch
<b>12:00 - 12:30</b>	Resolution and Rooms for Round 3 Announcement
<b>12:30 - 1:20</b>	Round 3
<b>1:30 - 2:00</b>	Resolution and Rooms for Round 4 Announcement
<b>2:00 - 2:50</b>	Round 4
<b>3:00 - 3:30</b>	Finals Round Announcement
<b>3:30 - 4:20</b>	Finals Round
<b>4:30 - 5:00</b>	Awards and Closing Ceremony