



Manitoba Speech and Debate Association

## 2019-2020 Senior National Debating Championships

On behalf of the Manitoba Speech and Debate Association, we are delighted to invite you to the 2019-2020 Senior National Debating Championships in Winnipeg from April 24-26. Teams should plan to arrive by the evening of Thursday, April 23, because registration will be on Friday morning, April 24. Teams can book flights that leave at 6 PM or later on April 26 (if the flight that you want to take leaves slightly earlier than that, let me know and I will see what I can do). Each province is welcome to send up to 6 two-person teams to compete in this year's event. Depending on the response, we might be able to accept some additional teams.

The prepared resolution will be announced at the beginning of March. The first 2 rounds will be on the prepared motion, the remaining rounds will be impromptu. The format of the debates will be Canadian National style. Information about Canadian National Style is available on the CSDF website at <http://csdf-fcde.ca/debate-in-canada/senior-nationals/>. While the details have not been finalized, we are planning to have 6 preliminary rounds followed by quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals.

If your province would like to attend, please let us know by Feb 20th. We do not need names at that point, just the number of teams. If that deadline presents problems, please contact me. The information that we need for this preliminary registration is as follows:

- 1) Is your province likely to attend and how many teams you would plan to send (initial maximum of 6 english teams)?
- 2) If there is space, would you like to send any additional teams?
- 3) When will you know the names of your competitors and coaches?
- 4) The name and contact information of the contact person in your province for the team.

We would like the registration information for your competitors by March 17<sup>th</sup>. Again, if that deadline is a problem, please let us know and we will see what we can do. Registration will be done online; we will send you a link once you confirm that your province is attending.

The registration fee will be the same as last year: \$275 for each competitor or observer. The registration fee for coaches is \$200 in recognition of the fact that they will be asked to judge some of the rounds. The tournament hotel is the Fairmont in downtown Winnipeg. I am attaching the hotel information.

This invitation is for the English event. Details about the French Nationals are still being sorted out. As you know, the French nationals are a separate competition although often held at the same time and location.

For more information, please email John Robinson at this address or phone (204)-960-1053. We look forward to seeing many of you in April.