

## Donahoe Cup : April 4-5, 2020

I am pleased to invite you to Sacred Heart School of Halifax's 15th high school debate tournament. The tournament will start Saturday morning at 9:00 am, and conclude Sunday at 1:45 pm. You will have no difficulty catching a 4:00 pm flight. Complete details are on the tournament website.

Schools are invited to send one or two advanced, and one or two novice, two-person teams. The registration fee will be \$160 Cdn per team, which includes lunch Saturday and Sunday. We will offer awards to both novice and advanced debaters. We will cap registrations at 100 teams. I am pleased to report that Chris George has agreed to tab the tournament for us.

In the advanced category, the tournament will feature a choice of topics for each round of debate: a "straight" resolution and a squirrelable resolution, which will permit the government team to use a resolution of their choice. One team will choose from the offered topics, the other team will choose side. Teams will have 15 minutes to prepare after topic and side are chosen. In the novice category, each round will have a straight resolution. Debating for both categories is Canadian parliamentary style, with the following maximum speaking times:

Debater	Advanced	Novice
Prime Minister	7 minutes	5 minutes
1 <sup>st</sup> Opposition	7 minutes	5 minutes
Second Government	7 minutes	5 minutes
Leader of the Opposition Prime	10 minutes	8 minutes
Minister Rebuttal	3 minutes	3 minutes

Points of information may be raised between the first and last minute of a debater's speech (but they are not permitted in the prime minister's rebuttal or the last four minutes of the Leader of the Opposition's speech). Debaters are not required to raise points of information.

Debaters in the advanced category will debate five rounds on Saturday, breaking to quarters. Debaters in the novice category will debate four rounds on Saturday, breaking to quarters.

Please register by **Wednesday, March 4, 2020** by filling out this Google Form: <https://forms.gle/HEfcRKVe9FWuLfBc9>. The Lord Nelson Hotel, located about a 3 minute walk away from the school, will offer rooms for \$149 per night (single or double) plus 2% marketing levy and 15% HST. Reservations will be accepted until the room release date of **Wednesday March 4, 2020**. Please follow this link deal if you wish a room there: [Donahoe Debating Tournament](#).

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