



Dear Coach,

On behalf of the McGill Debating Union we are pleased to invite you to our upcoming 61<sup>st</sup> annual High School Debating Championships. Following is important information regarding this year's tournament:

**Date:** Saturday October 24 and Sunday October 25, 2020

**Location:** Discord / Zoom

**Registration fee:** \$25 per debater

**Registration Deadline:** October 12, 2020

**Team Cap:** 5 teams per school, 2 debaters per team (with more added to waitlist)

**Format:**

The tournament will consist of five rounds of British Parliamentary impromptu debate, four rounds on Saturday and one round on Sunday, breaking to semi-finals, junior finals, and finals. This tournament will not include a prepared round. There will be seminars offered on a variety of topics on Friday prior to the tournament.

**Registration:**

Registration will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to register is October 12, 2020 at midnight. We recommend that you register as soon as possible as spots fill up quickly. Schools are permitted to register up to five teams initially, and may submit additional teams who will be placed on the waiting list.

Please inform us of the number of teams you would like to send by the **registration deadline (October 12, 2020)**. To secure your spot, please send your full registration payment via Paypal to [mcgill.debating@gmail.com](mailto:mcgill.debating@gmail.com) by the registration deadline as well. If you cannot make payments via PayPal please send us an email and we will figure out another option.

Teams from the waiting list may be permitted to attend if the tournament registration cap for the tournament is not met by October 12, 2020.

We will try to accommodate as many teams as possible. Following this intimation, we request that you send names of the debaters attending the tournament by Friday, **October 16, 2020**. This information is to be sent to [mcgilldebating.highschool@gmail.com](mailto:mcgilldebating.highschool@gmail.com).

### **Seminars**

Cost: \$15 per person, for 3 seminars total

We will be hosting skills seminars, taught by some of Canada's top debaters. These will consist of two skills / content seminars prior to the tournament, and 1 seminar post tournament debriefing motions set by the adjudication core (a great way to learn!). More information on these will be sent out soon.

Should there be any questions related to registration, payments, or the tournament, please do not hesitate contacting us on this email ([mcgilldebating.highschool@gmail.com](mailto:mcgilldebating.highschool@gmail.com)).

We look forward to seeing you (virtually) at McGill University!

Sincerely,

Ruth Silcoff, Maiya Werba, and Reana Yan

Tournament Co-Directors



## **McGill High School Tournament 2020 Tentative Schedule:**

### Saturday

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30

Briefings: 9:30 – 10:00

Round 1: 10:00 – 11:30

Round 2: 12:00 – 1:30

Lunch: 1:30 – 2:00

Round 3: 2:00 – 3:30

Round 4: 4:00-5:30

### SUNDAY

Registration: 9:00 – 9:30

Round 5: 9:30 – 11:30

Break announcement 12

Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30

Semis/Junior Finals: 12:30-2:00

Finals 2:00-3:30