

Ontario Student Debating Union
Provincial British Parliamentary Qualifier
October 31 – November 1, 2020
Via Zoom Meeting

Tournament Description:

The Ontario Student Debating Union is pleased to announce the Ontario British Parliamentary Qualifier, which will take place on Saturday October 31st and Sunday November 1st, 2020 **online** via Zoom meeting.

This tournament will qualify debaters to attend the Canadian National British Parliamentary Championships, to take place **online** from November 20 -22, 2020.

All debates (in both age categories) will take place in the British Parliamentary debate format, all speeches will be 5 minutes in length. All debates will be impromptu, no prepared topics.

Age Categories/team cap:

There will be two age categories at the event, as follows:

- **Senior:** for teams where one or both partners were 15 years of age or older on September 1st, 2020.
- **U-15 Division:** for teams where BOTH partners are younger than 15 years of age on September 1st, 20XX (i.e. born after September 1st, 2005)

Tournament Schedule:

This tournament will consist of 5 rounds of debate, breaking to a final round in both age categories. A rough schedule of events can be found below:

Saturday October 31:

8:30 am: Registration/Call-in
9:00 am: Round 1 Pairings, Prep, and Round 1
12:00 (noon): Round 2 Pairings, Prep, and Round 2
3:00 pm: Round 3 Pairings, Prep, and Round 3

Sunday November 1:

8:30 am: Registration/Call-in
9:00 am: Round 4 Pairings, Prep, and Round 4
12:00 (noon): Round 5 Pairings, Prep and Round 5
3:00 pm: Break announcement, Prep and Finals
4:30 pm: Closing ceremonies

We acknowledge this schedule is very spread out, this has been done intentionally so that all debaters, judges and coaches know to be online at 9:00 am, 12:00 pm, and 3:00

pm for all pairings. If rounds finish early, debaters and judges are welcome to turn their video and audio off, and return in time for the next round.

Team Cap:

Each OSDU member school is permitted to send a total of up to FOUR teams to the event. This can be split across the two age categories how you see fit, i.e. all teams may be in one category, or you may split them (i.e. two teams in Senior, two teams in U-15, etc.)

Registration Forms:

Each school must register their teams through the link below – note one entry per SCHOOL is required:

<https://forms.gle/TibzBpJbXU7SpyQ67>

Once your school has filled in the registration form, waivers and Zoom links will be provided to your coach/attending chaperone. The tournament will be capped at **60 teams** for the time being, this may be adjusted at a later date.

The registration deadline for the event will be **October 20, 2020**. Please note that if the tournament is full before this time, your teams may be placed on a waitlist.

Cost:

As a result of providing this event online, there will be **no registration fee** associated with participating in this tournament.

Chaperoning:

Each school must have an attending coach or adult representative logged into the event who is responsible for the attendance and behaviour of their students online.

Judging:

One judge per school is required, regardless of how many teams are being registered for the event.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at osdupresident@gmail.com, and we look forward to seeing you at the Ontario BP Qualifier!

Regards,

OSDU BP Qualifier Organizing Committee