

Dear OSDU Members,

On behalf of the Ontario Student Debating Union, I am pleased to invite you to the 2021 OSDU Junior Provincial Championships, to be held online via Zoom on **Saturday March 27, 2021**. As a reminder only students in grades 7, 8 and 9 are eligible for this tournament. **There is no registration fee for this tournament.**

The OSDU Junior Provincial Championships is the qualifier for the Junior National Debating Championships which will be hosted online by the Manitoba Debate and Speech Association in May. Dates to be confirmed.

The prepared resolution for this tournament is: **This House would not allow advertising targeted at children.**

Each school who is a paid OSDU Member is entitled to register **two teams**, and registration is guaranteed until **Wednesday, March 3**. After this date, registration is only accepted if space is available. As well, any school wishing to potentially enter three teams may indicate they wish to wait list an additional team, and you will be contacted on or shortly after March 3 if we are able to accept wait-listed teams.

Each participating school is required to bring at least one adult judge. Schools entering 3 teams are required to send a second **adult** judge. After you have fulfilled your judging requirement, we will accept additional judges who are experienced grade 12 debaters, with prior approval by the organizers. Please note we will be very strict about ensuring your required judges are in fact adults, and at least one of whom has authorization to be supervisor for your school, and we will be more selective about grade 12 debaters only with experience being able to judge.

As usual, all 5 rounds will take place in CNDF format with 6-6-6-6-3-3 speaking times. The first two rounds will be prepared, and the last three will be impromptu and bracketed. The schedule is as follows:

Tournament Schedule: (all times Eastern)

- Check in at 8:45 a.m. - mark yourself present in the check-in spreadsheet
- Briefings and Introduction: 9:00 a.m. sharp
- Round 1 and 2 Prepared: 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch Break (stay logged into Zoom is best)
- Return for impromptu rounds: 12:45 p.m.
- Impromptu - Round 3: 12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. including prep time
- Impromptu - Round 4: 2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. including prep time
- Final Round - 3:45 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. including prep time
- Awards and Closing - 5:45 - 6:00 p.m.

Please note times are approximate and subject to technical or other delays. Please be sure your judges are available until the end of Round 5.

In order to register, please email Chris George and provide the name of your school, and how many teams you wish to register. There is no google form. Names of all judges and debaters are required a full week before the tournament. **Please also include the grade level of all debaters.** As well, all contact should come from the official school (adult) coach or representative. **We ask that students not be the ones to register teams.**

Please note that all teams must consist of 2 students from the same OSDU institutional member. In the case of officially registered independent entities, students may NOT attend a day school that has a registered debate program with OSDU, but otherwise debaters need not attend the same actual school. All independent organizations must all identify the home school of debaters you intend to enter. Registration will not be accepted without this information.

The tournament website will be provided only to those who register. On that site you will find things such as the Zoom link, and the various google forms and sheets that will be needed during the tournament. Please note that when this is released, it should remain private only to the school coaches, and shared directly with your debaters and judges before the tournament.

Sincerely,

Chris George

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