

Invitation to 2020 Toronto Regional Tournament

13 December 2020

Dear Toronto Debating Coaches and Students,

Members of the Ontario Student Debating Union located in Toronto are invited to compete in the Toronto Regional Qualifiers on **Sunday 13 December online through Zoom**. Please see the attached itinerary for more information about the day's schedule. This tournament will qualify the top teams to participate in the OSDU Senior Provincial Championship, which will take place in February 2021. The top teams at the Provincial Championship will qualify to represent Ontario at the National Championship in April.

Please Note:

- In order to attend this event, schools must have registered for OSDU and paid their membership fee.
- Both the Regional Qualifier and the Provincial Championships are team events. Students may only qualify for the next level of competition in teams. If a team qualifies for Provincials based on the Regional tournament, they can't make any changes to the team they send to Provincials. **No hybrid teams are allowed (two debaters from two different school). This will be verified by the organisers.**
- All schools **must** provide one judge per two teams registered. Judges can be anyone over the age of 18. While debate coaches are ideal, it can also be siblings or parents. We will do a detailed briefing, so no experience required. Judges must be able to judge through Zoom.
 - If you bring one or two teams, you **must** provide a judge
 - If you bring three or four teams, you **must** provide two judges.
- Failure to do so may result in teams registered without the required judge participating being deemed not to have met registration requirements for the tournament and being ruled ineligible to compete at the Senior Provincial Tournament in February 2021. Determination and enforcement of this will be at the sole discretion of the organiser with final determinations made by the OSDU Regional Representative for Toronto, in consultation with the OSDU president.
- There is a 40 team cap with no more than **three** teams per school. We may open the tournament up to more teams if there is space. Additional teams will require additional judges.

Format

For all rounds, students will debate in the Canadian National Debate Format (see attached description). For the first two rounds, each team will debate both sides of the prepared resolution that is given on the next page. The third and fourth rounds will be impromptu debating, and will also follow the Canadian National Debate Format. Please note that no squirreling will be permitted for the third and fourth rounds. **All rounds are closed adjudication.**

First Proposition Speaker - Constructive Speech	8 minutes
First Opposition Speaker - Constructive Speech	8 minutes
Second Proposition Speaker - Constructive Speech	8 minutes
Second Opposition Speaker - Constructive Speech	8 minutes
First Opposition Speaker - Summary/Rebuttal	4 minutes
First Proposition Speaker - Summary/Rebuttal	4 minutes

Points of Information are only allowed during the constructive speeches, but not during the first and last minutes of these speeches (called “protected time”). During the round, the moderator will bang the desk after one minute has elapsed to signal that POIs are now allowed, and again with one minute remaining in a speech, to signal that time is once again protected.

Prepared Resolution:

Students will be debating both sides of the following resolution during rounds 1 and 2 of this tournament:

THBT the Bretton Woods Institutions (IMF, WTO, World Bank) have done more harm than good.

Registration

Schools are invited to register up to three teams and the tournament will be capped at **40 teams**. There is no fee, however schools **must** provide **one judge per two teams**. To register, please click [here](#):

To register, please complete the registration form. The deadline for submitting your registration is **Friday 4 December**. Only **after** the 4 December deadline will schools be contacted if there is more space. Additional team spaces will be granted at the sole discretion of the tournament organizers. All participants will get the zoom link the Thursday before the tournament.

Please direct your inquiries about the tournament to Grace Nolan at
gnolan@branksome.on.ca.

Looking forward to seeing you at Branksome Hall in November

Sincerely,
Grace Nolan
Toronto Regional Coordination, OSDU Vice-President

Tournament Schedule

8:30-9:00 am	Registration for Debaters, Judges and Volunteers
9:00-9:45 am	Judges and Debaters briefing
10 am	ROUND 1 (Prepared, Closed Adjudication)
11:30 am	ROUND 2 (Prepared, Closed Adjudication)
1:30	Announcement of Round 3 and Preparation ROUND 3 (Impromptu, Closed Adjudication)
4:00	Announcement of Round 4 and Preparation ROUND 4 (Impromptu, Closed Adjudication)
5:30	Results
5:30-6:00	Meeting with the delegation

PLEASE NOTE: TABS WILL BE EMAILED TO THE ADDRESS REGISTERED