University of Ottawa English Debating Society

High School Tournament 2021 Invitation

The University of Ottawa English Debating Society (hereafter "EDS") is pleased to invite you to the 2021 EDS High School Tournament. The tournament will be held Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st on a digital platform - in our case, Discord. We will be sending information about the Discord software to those who register in the coming weeks. The tournament will consist of five rounds - including: a hidden quarter-final, a semi-final, a novice final, and a grand final - all in the Canadian Parliamentary format. Our skilled judging core will be providing debaters with extremely valuable feedback to allow this circuit to grow and for debaters to gain experience, despite the constraints that COVID19 has put on the activity of debate. All pertinent information can be found in this invitation, and a tournament package will be sent to those who register. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me (your tournament director, Coman Matthew Iliut) at edshighschools@gmail.com.

Date and Location

Saturday, February 20th and Sunday, February 21st on the Discord platform (specific links will be sent out later).

Registration, deadlines and team dropping

Registration is done by Google Forms and please use the link below:

https://forms.gle/4D5HgovmhsxE6f6A9

We understand that there currently is a high demand for tournament spaces so even though our tournament is limited to 50 teams (with 5 teams per institution), we will have a waiting list so that we can attempt to increase our team capacity.

The Early Bird registration closes on February 14th at 11:59 pm and will be $25 per debater. Registration following this date will still be open, but it will cost $30 per debater until registration is closed. Registration closes outright two days before the tournament, February 18th at 11:59pm - this is also the final date to drop teams. If you register your team prior to February 14th and are placed on the waitlist, you are guaranteed the $25/debater cost if a spot opens up.

In the case of teams being dropped after February 18th, we still expect full payment for the contingent with partial refund for teams dropped. If, for example, a contingent of five teams only brings four the day of the tournament, we expect payment for all five teams, but we will refund the contingent $15 per absent debater.

<u>Payment</u>

Payment is preferably completed through e-transfer (to uottawaeds@gmail.com). If this is not possible, please email me and we can figure out a solution.

We will be emailing a tournament package with more details regarding the debate format and Discord instructions in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,

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