

Dear Coaches, Debaters, and Judges,

On behalf of the Appleby College Debate Society, I am pleased to invite you to the 2021 Appleby Novice Debate Tournament, which will take place on **May 1st**, on Discord. The Appleby Novice offers a premier learning experience for junior debaters, with an adjudication team and judging pool including seasoned high school and university debaters. Our goal is to offer novice debaters the opportunity to expand their skills through friendly competition, and as such the tournament is open to students in **Grades 7 to 9**.

This year, the Appleby Novice will feature four (4) guaranteed rounds of high-quality British Parliamentary (BP) debate, with 8 teams breaking to semifinals. In the interest of accessibility, **there will be no registration fee for the tournament**, and awards will be presented to top speakers and teams.

The deadline for registration is 3:00pm on **April 9th**. This document contains registration details in addition to more information on the tournament itself. If you have any questions concerning the tournament, feel free to contact me at debate@appleby.on.ca, or one of the faculty advisors at jkurusanather@appleby.on.ca or gstoneman@appleby.on.ca

We look forward to hosting you this coming May.

Kind regards,

Calvin Xu

Tournament Director and Chief Adjudicator, 2021 Appleby Novice Debate Tournament

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

The Appleby Novice is geared towards providing a friendly learning environment for beginner debaters. Debaters who have broken at university tournaments or have previously qualified for junior nationals are strongly requested **not** to register.

REGISTRATION

For registration purposes, “institution” refers to a group of spots reserved under the same name. An institution could be a school, debate academy, or an independent group of students. Each institution must have an adult supervisor that can be contacted throughout the tournament in case of any issues involving their debaters.

There will be a soft team cap of eight (8) teams per institution. Each institution is required to **register one (1) judge every three (3) teams** they send to the tournament. Judges may be coaches, university debaters, or senior (grade 11 or 12) debaters. In some cases, exceptions can be made for institutions that wish to designate a grade 10 debater as a judge – these must be approved by the tournament director. If your institution has less than three teams, but has a judge available, **please consider registering them**. This will help greatly in ensuring that the judging pool at the tournament is of highest quality.

Institutions can reserve spots through two different means.

1. The recommended method for registration is through completing the form using the following link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=EuICTmDJW0qulXDUNZZUL0lRbHVUj7NCpot2MtSjnXhUMEZVWIZURIZNNjFGNFIQR0pTQ1pUTFFTMC4u>

Please only use the second method if you cannot access this link for any reason

2. Email debate@appleby.on.ca with the following information: the name of your institution, the full names and grades of each of your debaters organized by team, contact information (phone number and email) of an adult supervisor, and the full names and emails of judges in accordance with the judging requirements above.

JUDGING

Every room at this tournament is expected to receive high-quality judging. However, in order for this tournament to run on time, judges will be limited to a maximum time of 10 minutes to reach a decision and fill in their ballots on Tabbycat. As the purpose of the tournament is development, judges are encouraged to focus their time on feedback, which they will be given an additional 15 minutes for after having completed their ballot. Panels of two judges or more will be made when possible to maximize the number of rooms that benefit from panel judging. If no consensus can be reached after the time allotted of deliberation has passed, the chair is expected to make the final call. The chair also makes the final call on speaker scores, in consultation with panelists and the scoring guide released at the Judges' Briefing. As such, **only the chair** is expected to complete a ballot for their room. This tournament will be tabbed using Tabbycat, and the link will be distributed closer to the date of the tournament. Judges will submit ballots directly to Tabbycat.

EQUITY

The Appleby Novice is committed to promoting a safe, fun, and comfortable environment for all competitors. Equity is an important part of that commitment. Debaters who feel they have been personally attacked by another competitor due to their race, ethnicity, religion, color, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or other factors of their personal identity, are encouraged to seek redress.

If an issue of equity arises, given the developmental nature of this tournament, we will first attempt to facilitate a constructive discussion between the parties involved. However, serious violations will lead to punitive actions proportional to the severity of the issue, up to disqualification from the tournament.

SCHEDULE

Please note that all times are listed in EST. For debaters in a different time zone, please check to see the corresponding times in your region.

Time	Event
8:30 – 9:15	Registration
9:15 – 10:00	Debater and Judges' Briefings
10:00 – 11:30	Round 1
11:30 – 13:00	Round 2
13:00 – 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 – 15:00	Round 3
15:00 – 16:00	Round 4 (Closed Adjudication)
16:00 – 17:15	Semifinals
17:15 – 18:30	Finals
18:30 – 19:00	Awards Ceremony