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Canadian British Parliamentary Debate Nationals/Championships (Formerly known as Oxford Cup)

Dear Provincial/Territory Coordinators, Coaches, and Debaters.

The Alberta Debate and Speech Association (ADSA) is pleased to invite you to the 2020 Canadian British Parliamentary Debate Nationals/Championships, to be held online, from **Thursday, November 19th to Sunday, November 22nd**.

At this time, each province/territory may register up to **Eight Senior teams**, and up to **Four U-15 (Junior) teams**. This is an increase to previous years, and the extra spots are made available only due to the online format of this year's event. Spots which are not filled by each province will be redistributed on demand.

Divisions and Qualifications:

U-15 (Junior) Division:

All students must be 15 years of age or less as of September 1st, 2021. This means that the U-15 category is open only to students born after September 1st, 2005. In order to compete in this age category, both debaters must qualify.

Senior Division:

All high school students are eligible to compete in the Senior Division, provided they are still high-school students during the current academic year.

Location:

Online via Zoom (Links will be emailed to participants directly)

Schedule:

This rough schedule is only a draft and is subject to change.

Please refer to the Master Schedule found here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dL6LnMQe7kM0d6_Lo43YnTkAr6e26rV-o6iq7uvDXJI/edit?usp=sharing

Judging:

Each province/territory is required to provide one "qualified" judge per team. A qualified judge is a coach, an experienced university debater, or someone who has judged at multiple tournaments. **UPDATE* The CAP has reduced the judging requirements to n-1 (Number of teams minus one judge)*



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Format and Rules of Note:

All debates will use the “British Parliamentary Debating Format”. Updated rules and guidelines will be made available prior to the tournament. All rounds will be impromptu. Each regular round debate will be judged by a panel of judges or one “qualified” judge. A qualified judge is a coach, an experienced university debater, or someone who has judged at multiple tournaments.

The tournament will use Zoom. Coaches, debaters, and judges should make certain that they can use this platform. Details of the process will be sent later to participants. All students must have access to a camera and microphone. Please note: laptops, phones or tablets may all be used. Every debater must login in with their own individual device. Debaters must sign a code of conduct stating they will not use internet or pre-written cases for impromptu rounds. They will not contact coaches or anyone other than their partner during impromptu prep. Debaters may be in the same physical space during impromptu prep, but again must always be logged into their own device.

Technical Guidelines and additional information regarding the tournament will be sent directly to participants after registration is closed.

Registration:

The registration fee for the event will be \$50.00 per team.

To register for the event, please complete the appropriate form below

Debaters Registration: <https://forms.gle/gja7otV6foCpxLas9>

Province/Territory Registration: <https://forms.gle/5UzmcLJBaktqHxec9>

Judge Registration: <https://forms.gle/GKFBLzaFYTij7THb7>

All registration must be received by Monday November 16th, 2020. All payment must be received by Thursday November 19th, 2020. Cheques to be made out to Alberta Debate and Speech Association or E-transferred to the Executive Director (Email contact@albertadebate.com for more details)

If you have any questions, please email Jason Hong directly at jasonmhong@gmail.com, please CC the executive director, Daria, at contact@albertadebate.com

Sincerely,

Jason Hong

ADSA President / Convenor BP Nationals 2020