



Hello Provincial Association Coordinators:

On behalf of the Quebec Student Debating Association and Selwyn House School, it is my pleasure to invite you to the 2020-21 Canadian Senior National Debating Championship. This year, the tournament will run from Friday, April 16th 2021 - Sunday, April 18th 2021.

We would like to invite each provincial or territorial association to send up to six teams of two debaters to compete in the tournament. Once the first round of registration has happened, any extra spots will be assigned accordingly. Rules for qualifying are in accordance with the CNDC rules, and contenders are determined by the provincial associations.

It is our pleasure to announce that due to a grant from Selwyn House School, there will be no registration fee for the tournament. We thank Selwyn House for its commitment to inclusivity in Canadian High School debating.

### **Location**

The tournament will be held online using the Zoom platform. We would like to remind all debaters and judges to please make sure that they have downloaded the latest version of the Zoom software from [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us).

### **Schedule:**

Please find the draft schedule here. Remember that this is a draft, and the schedule may be subject to small changes.

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### **Format and Rules of Note**

The tournament will use the CNDF rules for debating, senior times. A briefing will be given to all judges and debaters at the beginning of the tournament. The first two rounds will be prepared, and the motion will be sent to all provincial coordinators on March 15th, one month before the beginning of the tournament. The motion will also be posted on [www.qsda.org](http://www.qsda.org). After the prepared rounds there will be four rounds of impromptu debating. The top eight teams will then break to quarter-final rounds on the Sunday. All break rounds will be impromptu as well.

Top teams will be determined by the highest number of won debates, with ties being broken by highest combined speaker score, lowest standard deviation, high/low drop, and finally coin toss.

All debaters must have a zoom-equipped device, and must have their cameras on during the debates. Outside information and research may not be used during the impromptu rounds.

## **Judging**

We are working hard to ensure that we have qualified and experienced judges for the tournament. We would like to ask provinces to provide one judge for every two teams that they send to the tournament. So a provincial association sending six teams would be required to send three judges. We would ask that these judges be available for all of the rounds.

## **Spectators**

Due to the limitations of the software, we cannot accommodate spectators for the rounds. We ask that attendance at the tournament be limited to debaters, official chaperones, judges, and those running the tournament.

## **Registration**

Once teams and judges have been selected according to your provincial process, please fill out the following registration forms:

Senior Nationals Debater Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/dUsiNcwCBPQ8vYtq6>

Provincial Registration Form (for provincial coordinators only): <https://forms.gle/gKsKz6JLa8qRSJL3A>

Judge Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/oFhMNwNyTqydnLzh8>

We look forward to seeing you in April. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely:

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