

Dawson Debate Union

Dear Coaches and Debaters,

Dawson College is pleased to invite you to the annual Dawson Cup, held on **Saturday, June 27th and Sunday, June 28th**. We are happy to move this tournament to an online platform, rather than complete cancellation as originally planned. Registration details and a tentative schedule are attached on the second page of this document.

The first important detail to note is that this tournament will be **completely free of charge** for everyone participating. However, this comes at the expense of physical awards. The Dawson Cup will be given (at some point!) to the champion team, but in order to make this as accessible as possible, we felt awards were a fair tradeoff to make.

Additionally, there is no judge requirement associated with registering for this tournament. This is done in the understanding that many teachers and coaches are not readily available during the end of their school terms or during the summer. We do however encourage debaters to ask anyone they know (alumni, accessible coaches/teachers, etc) to participate as a judge. Forms are attached below to facilitate this process. The more qualified judges we have, the better chances of a positive tournament experience for debaters.

This tournament is open to students of **all experience levels**. Standard Canadian parliamentary speaking times will be used (7-7-7-7-3-3), and there will be no distinction made when bracketing between junior and senior debaters. However, assuming a sufficient number of judges and teams, a separate junior final will be held. The top three junior speakers will also be recognized during awards.

Finally, the Dawson Cup will be held entirely on Zoom. We ask that individuals have an account created and have installed the most recent update before the tournament begins to cut down on time the day of. Further instructions will be sent once registration has been confirmed.

If anyone has any specific concerns about online/remote debating, please contact us. More importantly, if you have any feedback from last year's tournament, we would greatly appreciate it if you could reach out and let us know. We are always looking to constantly improve the Dawson Cup experience, and we want to do our very best to provide a successful tournament experience.

Please do not hesitate to email us if you have any questions and we look forward to seeing you all!

Sincerely,

The Dawson Debate Union Executive Team

Mia Delnegro – President

Olivia Integlia – Treasurer

Delphine Langevin – Secretary

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There is no other registration requirement other than filling out the forms below:

Debater Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/Tq5xnXZxdLEuMrow7>

Judge Registration Form:

<https://forms.gle/yQmyKnBynLTLUJpcA>

Tentative Schedule:

Saturday, June 27th:

10-11:30	Mandatory briefing
11:30-1	Round one
1-1:45	Meal break
1:45-3:15	Round two
3:15-4:45	Round three
16:30-17:00	Break Announcement and finals prep

Sunday, June 28th:

10-10:30	Technical check-in
10:30-12	Round four
12-1:30	Round five
1:30-2	Meal break
2:00-2:20	Break announcement & finalist prep time
2:20-3:00	Finals
3:00-3:10	Awards