

Dawson Debate Union

Dear Coaches and Debaters,

Dawson College is pleased to invite you to the annual Dawson Cup, held on **Saturday, April 18th, 2020**. The event is being held on the Dawson campus (3040 Sherbrooke St W, Montreal, QC H3Z 1A4). The day will consist of four rounds of impromptu debates, leading to an open final round and, assuming a sufficient number of qualified judges, a junior final. The tournament will be entirely closed adjudication, in Canadian Parliamentary style.

As a general rule, standard Senior Parliamentary speaking times will be used. Although both junior and senior debaters are encouraged to participate, differentiation will not be made between the two when bracketing the rounds. However, there will be a junior finals and the top juniors of the day will be recognized during the awards. Please note that the success of this tournament is largely dependent upon the attendance of qualified judges. We are requiring that each school brings 1 judge per 2 teams. If this is not feasible, please contact us in advance in order for us to find a replacement independent adjudicator.

We recognize that it is incredibly early to send out this information. This is being done with the intention of allowing schools to properly budget their resources with enough notice. Seeing as the Dawson Cup is being held the weekend directly prior to Nationals, it would be excellent practice for all debaters in attendance. Registration for this tournament will be **\$80 per two person team**. Please note that this fee includes breakfast, lunch and snacks throughout the day, as well as awards. However, we will **NOT** be accepting registration confirmation until a later date. An email will be sent out with the official registration, schedule, and participant information approximately mid-March. This is simply done to better prepare schools and coaches, as well as gauging interest levels on our end.

If anyone has 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 we can 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

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