



Quebec Student Debating Association

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Dear Debate Colleague,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee and the Quebec Student Debating Association, we are pleased to invite you to the **2007 Canadian Junior National Debating Championships**. The event will take place **in Montreal, Quebec, from Thursday, May 10 to Saturday, May 12**. We are inviting each province to send **four teams** of two debaters.

Website:

The tournament website is: <http://qsda.net/juniornationals.htm> You will find rules, ballots, registration forms, schedule, and this invitation posted there already.

Format of Debate:

Teams will debate primarily as provincial teams; in addition, there will be two coordinate style rounds. At this year's coaches' meeting, it was agreed that "Canadian National Debate Format" would be an acceptable style of debate. This is the style used at the Senior National Championships. There will be six rounds of this style with reduced times (six minute speeches and three minute summary speeches). The sixth round of this format will contain a hidden quarter-finals. All rounds will be scored primarily on win-loss and all but the prepared rounds are bracketed. For a description of bracketing, please see the website. There will be an additional open semi-finals and championship round to determine the National Champion.

We will also have two rounds of coordinate rounds in Discussion Style. These rounds will involve students debating only against debaters from other provinces. Everyone will have one round as affirmative and one as negative. These rounds will count towards individual speaker standings, but will NOT affect the team standings. The order of speaking is posted online, and allows for all speakers to have equal speaking times in this style.

While it was also agreed that the students should have equal speaking times, we found this would not be possible for "CNDF", which was approved as a style, as debaters should have equal time in which POIs can be asked of them. Therefore, as a compromise to keep the spirit of both the motions passed at this year's annual meeting, we will use the speaking times that you will find posted on the website, but require that students debate **in all four speaking positions** over the course of the six rounds. While this does not even out speaking times within a round, it attempts to even out speaking times over the entire event as much as possible.

Host Schools:

Debating will take place at John Rennie High School, Selwyn House and Lower Canada College. E.C.S. and Selwyn House have kindly agreed to provide billeting for debaters.

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Topics:

The first two rounds of debate will use a prepared resolution in CNDF. All students will debate both sides of this resolution on the morning of Thursday, May 10. Moreover, we will use a prepared motion for the Discussion Style rounds on the morning of Friday, May 11. We will announce the prepared motions around November 1. The remaining four rounds, plus the semis and finals will be impromptu. Students should expect topics to be relatively serious in nature.

Transportation:

All delegates should arrive to Montreal's Pierre E. Trudeau airport (formerly Dorval) on **Wednesday, May 9th**. You will be responsible for transportation to Selwyn House upon your arrival, presumably by taxi. Your billeting families and the organizers will provide transportation during the event when necessary. You should plan to leave on the morning of **Sunday, May 13**.

Accommodation:

All students will be billeted primarily by families of Selwyn House and E.C.S. Students are, of course, welcome to stay with relatives or with coaches/chaperons in a hotel, under your supervision and responsibility. Adults are responsible for their own accommodation. We are recommending the Best Western Hotel in downtown Montreal. The hotel number is 514-288-4141. We will put aside a small block of rooms at a reduced rate, however, you are responsible for your own booking and payment. More details will be available at a later date.

Registration Fee:

The registration fee will be confirmed at a later date. We will include most meals on the three days, while the remaining ones will be at billets' homes. Please note all provincial representatives, **as well as any additional coaches or parents**, are responsible for paying the registration fee if they intend on participating in the event.

Organizing Committee:

Chris George – Chair, LCC

Catherine Grimanis – E.C.S.

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We are excited that this event will be in Montreal next year. If you have any questions, you can reach me by email at chriscg@netover.com or by phone at 514-448-9059. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Chris George

2007 Junior Nationals Chair

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