



October 8<sup>th</sup> 2021

Dear Debate Colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to the **QSDA British Parliamentary Tournament** which we are pleased to host at **Selwyn House School** on:  
**Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup> 2021**

### **Tournament Information**

This tournament will serve as the Quebec qualifier for the Canadian National British Parliamentary Championship taking place online from November 19<sup>th</sup> to December 21<sup>st</sup> of this year. There are junior and senior qualifying spaces, however, junior and senior teams will be debating against each other in this tournament, and qualifying order of junior teams will be determined after the tournament. All rules for qualifying teams (such as school caps and debating with your qualifying partner) can be found in the QSDA by-laws.

### **COVID Protocols**

This will be an in-person tournament held at Selwyn House School. As per QSDA in-person tournament guidelines and Quebec legal requirement, all participants (debaters, coaches, judges) must be double-vaccinated and **present their vaccination passport and identification upon entry**. This means that participants must have a QR code issued by the Quebec Government. We recommend using the VaxiCode App for iPhone and Android. Participants who do not meet the vaccination requirements or do not have proof of vaccination will be turned away from the tournament, and will not be allowed to enter the building.

Food and beverage will not be served at this tournament, so all participants should bring their own drinks, snacks, and lunch. Facilities to warm up food will not be available. Additionally, all debaters should bring water bottles as it is a long day, and the school has filling stations.

### **Judging**

All schools are required to send at least one judge for the duration of the tournament. Additional judges are also helpful. Schools that wish to send more than four teams may be required to bring additional judges.

### **Registration**

Each school is invited to send up to four teams. If you wish to send more teams, please indicate this with your registration information.

The registration deadline for this event is **October 20th**. Because of the complexities of running a BP tournament, the tournament will not run unless there are at least 24 registered teams by that date. The cap for the tournament is 40 teams. There is no registration fee for the tournament. The only requirement is the participants must attend schools in the QSDA, and bring a sufficient number of judges.

In order to register, please **email the following details to [bracewellj@selwyn.ca](mailto:bracewellj@selwyn.ca)**:

Name of School:

Name of Coach:

Number of teams you wish to send:

Teams and names of debaters:

Names of any extra judges you can bring:

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. We look forward to welcoming you on **Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**!

### **Tournament format and Schedule**

There will be four impromptu **British Parliamentary** rounds (with 5-minute speaking times), followed by a single, final, open round in the afternoon. Resources for British Parliamentary debating can be found at [qsda.org](http://qsda.org) under "Debating Resources".

**Quebec Student Debating Association  
BP Tournament  
Selwyn House School  
Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Schedule of Events**

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<b>Briefing for Judges and Debaters</b>
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Round One</b>
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	<b>Round Two</b>
12:30 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>

1:15 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	<b>Round Three</b>
2:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	<b>Round Four</b>
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Break and Final Round</b>
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Awards</b>

Sincerely,  
**Jonathan Bracewell, Debate Coach, Selwyn House School**