



Mountain Novice Invitational

On behalf of the RE Mountain Debate Society, we cordially extend our invitation to attend the Mountain Novice Invitational. As this debate tournament is geared towards beginner elementary and middle school speakers, we hope to provide an opportunity where debaters can enrich their skills in public speaking and case construction. By providing an exclusively novice tournament we hope to provide students with an experience to not only to compete with other debaters in a competitive setting but also to self-reflect and enhance their own skills. Key details and dates for the tournament are listed below:

Tournament Date: Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018

Location: (R.E. Mountain Secondary School) 7755 202a St, Langley, BC V2Y 1W4

Registration Fee: \$40 (per team)

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 11th

Judging Requirement: One judge per two teams (exceptions may be made)

Debate Format:

This tournament will use **Canadian National Debate Format (CNDF)**. There will be two rounds on a prepared topic (below) and one impromptu round, which will be announced at the tournament. As this is a developmental tournament with a focus on allowing novice debaters to practice enhancing their skills, the times have been slightly modified from the standard CNDF times. The speaking times will be as follows:

Prepared Motion: THW compensate individuals who are criminally prosecuted and found ‘not guilty’

Speakers	Speaking time
1st Proposition	5 minutes
<i>1 minute prep time (rebuttal)</i>	
1st Opposition	5 minutes
<i>1 minute prep time (rebuttal)</i>	
2nd Proposition	5 minutes
<i>1 minute prep time (rebuttal)</i>	
2nd Opposition	5 minutes
<i>1 minute prep time (rebuttal)</i>	
1st Opposition (Summary)	3 minutes
<i>1 minute prep time (rebuttal)</i>	
1st Proposition (Summary)	3 minutes

Protected time will be one minute at the beginning and end of the 5 minute speeches, at which point the debaters are not allowed to give POI's (points of information). Summary speeches are all protected time.

Registration

In order to register for the tournament, debaters should be in **grades 8 or under**. As we do have limited spacing, registration will be held on a first come, first serve basis. A confirmation email will be sent to all teams once they are registered, and any registrations after the deadline will be accommodated to the best of our ability.

To register your teams, please send an email to rebecca.ctca@gmail.com before May 11 at 11:59 PM.

Payment/Fees

The cost for the tournament will be **\$40 per team**, payable by cash or cheque to RE Mountain Secondary School. Payments should be made at the registration desk on the day of the tournament.

Judges

There is no mandatory judging requirement, however, teams that can provide a judge will be prioritized in terms of registration. If you cannot provide a judge, we will inform you if we have space to accept you after allowing teams that have judges by May 11. Judges may include parents, teachers or students grades 9 and above with debate experience.

Spectators

Provided all debaters in the room give their consent, spectators may watch/film.

Dinner

Pizza, snacks, and beverages will be provided for all debaters. Any debaters with allergies or dietary restrictions should notify the tournament beforehand through the email listed below.

Debaters

Please note that as this is a debate tournament there is an expectation that debaters are to be in western business attire. Additionally, all debaters are expected to arrive on time as the tournament is on a tight time schedule. Awards will be given out to the top teams and speakers of the tournament.

Schedule

Note that this schedule is subject to change

Registration:	3:30 to 4:00
Opening Remarks:	4:15 to 4:30
Round 1 (Prepared):	4:30 to 5:15
Round 2 (Prepared):	5:30 to 6:15
Dinner:	6:30 to 7:00
Impromptu Topic Released	7:00
Round 3 (Impromptu):	7:30 to 8:15
Awards and Closing Remarks	8:30

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the tournament director at rebecca.ctca@gmail.com

Sincerely,

Rebecca Amisano

Tournament Director, R.E. Mountain Debate Society