

# Pacific Championships

**Date:** Saturday May 27th

**Location:** Fraser Heights Secondary School

**Participation Fee:**

Junior: \$120 per team

Senior: \$100 per team

**Registration Deadline:** 11:59 pm May 20th

The Fraser Heights Debate Club and the Vancouver Debate Academy warmly invite you to our exciting new debate tournament – a collaboration between high school debate clubs and UBC Debate Society alumni. This tournament promises exceptionally high-quality judging – we will provide UBC Debate Society members and alumni to guarantee equitable adjudications and extensive feedback for participants.

## Debate Format

This tournament will feature two divisions – a **senior division** open to all grades and a **junior division** open to students in grades 9 and below in the 2016-2017 school year.

The senior division will be using British Parliamentary (BP) for all rounds with 5-minute speaking times.

The junior division will be using Canadian National Debate Format (CNDF) with 6 minute constructive speeches and 3 minute summaries with two rounds on a prepared topic and two impromptu rounds.

The prepared topic for the first two rounds of the junior division will be:

This House opposes dams

## Schedule

The entire tournament will occur on the same day, Saturday May 27th. There will be five preliminary rounds of debate which all teams will compete in – the top four teams will proceed straight to finals. The top four teams in grades 8 or 9 will proceed straight to a novice finals.

### Junior Schedule

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 am	Debater & Judge Briefings
9:30 am	Round 1
10:30 am	Round 2
11:30 pm - 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Round 3

2:00 pm	Round 4
3:30 pm	Junior Finals
5:00 pm	Awards & Closing

### **Senior Schedule**

8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration & Breakfast
9:00 am	Debater & Judge Briefings
9:30 am	Round 1
11:00 am	Round 2
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Round 3
3:00 pm	Round 4
4:00 pm	Senior Finals
6:00 pm	Awards & Closing

### **General Senior topics include: (in no particular order)**

- LABOUR
- A UNIQUE ACTOR: the Chinese government
- DEMOCRACY
- MILITARY

Students are encouraged to review these topic areas in advance of the BP rounds.

### **Registration**

All teams should register through the following form [here \(https://goo.gl/nj7del\)](https://goo.gl/nj7del). Registration will open April 17th and close 11:59 pm May 20th (which is one week before the tournament). As the tournament is providing all judges, teams will be added to a waitlist and will be removed (first come first serve) as we obtain more judges.

Payment will be collected the day-of the tournament – please bring cash or cheques (make cheques payable to “Fraser Heights Secondary”). Teams which have not paid by the end of registration in the morning **will not be allowed to compete.**

If you wish to pay in-advance, or have any other questions, feel free to message [td@champsbc.com](mailto:td@champsbc.com)

### **Dropping**

Any teams who wish to withdraw their registration while the registration period is still open can send an email to [td@champsbc.com](mailto:td@champsbc.com) in order to drop out of the tournament. However, once the registration ends at 11:59pm on May 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be unable to provide refunds on registration fees.

## **Judging**

Unlike other tournaments, this tournament will have no judging requirements for teams. The tournament organizers will provide all judges from among UBC Debate Society members and alumni as well as experienced high school debaters across the lower mainland.

However, teams that can supply a qualified judge are eligible for a **\$20 discount** (as a team) and will be moved up the waitlist (should they be on it). Judges can sign up to volunteer [here \(https://goo.gl/ePxwt9\)](https://goo.gl/ePxwt9).

Judges will be asked to give a detailed description of their experience as a debater, judge, and/or coach. Judges must demonstrate *significant* experience to qualify. We will respond to judge registrations as we receive them, and make a call based on the applicant's experience.

## **Meals**

We will provide meals for debaters, judges, and coaches, including breakfast and lunch. Vegetarian options will be available, and we will do our best to accommodate other dietary restrictions or provide a discount on registration if we are made aware of them.

## **Important Dates Summary**

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Registration Opens

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Registration Closes/ Last day to drop out

May 27<sup>th</sup> – Tournament day

## **Questions**

Please direct all questions to [td@champsbc.com](mailto:td@champsbc.com)

Sincerely,

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