



**To whom it may concern:**

On behalf of the RE Mountain and Yorkson Creek Debate Societies, we cordially extend our invitation to attend the **Yorkson Creek 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 building. 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 to also self-reflect and grow upon their own skills.

As such we are pleased to offer an invitation to your debate society to take part in this tournament. The Yorkson Creek Novice Invitational will take place:

**Date and Time:** Friday, January 19, 2018

**Location:** Yorkson Creek Middle School,  
20686 84 Avenue, Langley, BC

**Registration Fee:** \$30 per team

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, January 12, 2018

## 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: This House would ban zoos

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 7 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.

To register your teams, please submit the following information to the link below before January 12 at 11:59 PM: <https://goo.gl/forms/IMCY8Hg7RgbQ6Nkk2>

## **Payment/Fees**

The cost for the tournament will be \$30 per team, payable by cash or cheque to Yorkson Creek Middle 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 January 12. Judges may include parents, teachers or students grades 8 and above with debate experience.

## **Spectators**

Provided all debaters in the room give their consent, spectators may watch. Filming of the debaters will be prohibited during this tournament, and anyone who is caught filming the debaters will be asked to leave the room.

## **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:**

Registration:	3:15 to 3:45
Opening Remarks:	4:00 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 do have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email the tournament directors at [rebecca.ctca@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.ctca@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

**Rebecca Amisano and Jen Tran,**

Tournament Directors