



2013 NATIONAL TEAM TRY-OUTS

Dear Provincial Coordinators,

We are now inviting your alternate debaters for the National Team Try out to submit their application. We will look at those applications to fill the 5 empty spots that we have for the try-outs.

The Application deadline is October 28th , 2011.

On November 28th and 29th 2011, in Toronto, Ontario, the Canadian Worlds Committee will select up to 12 delegates from across Canada to begin training for the 2013 Worlds, in Turkey. This try-out will take place after to the Oxford Cup Championships. The travel days are November 27th and the evening of the 29th, except if you are participating in the Oxford Cup, then the arrival date becomes the 25th. The try-outs will take place at the University of Toronto.

All debaters will also be accommodated at the hotel (double occupancy). Any students who were competing at the Oxford Cup Championships prior to the start of the tryouts will be moved into the rooms designated for the tryouts (coaches do not need to book the room for their student staying for the tryouts). Please ask students to bring with them a cheque for \$200 made out to CSDF (this will cover two nights accommodation and breakfast/lunch for both days of the tryouts). Observers are welcome but must make their own arrangements for accommodation, foods and transportation.

The selection tournament will consist of an instruction seminar, six or eight rounds of World Style debating, one of them being prepared; the impromptu rounds will have 30 minutes preparation time before each debate. Every student will have an opportunity to debate in each of six debate positions. The debaters will be judged only by people with considerable Worlds experience. Students will be given the prepared resolution which they will debate as soon as we receive their registration forms (see attached). All debaters will also have an interview with a member of the selection committee or our designate. Debaters' selection will be based on a combination of their debating performance, their capacity for improvement, an interview with one of the judges, and their formal application. We will do our best to contact all students as soon as possible after the tournament.

We will make the final selection of the World Schools Team during the summer camp that we will take place at the beginning of July 2012, location to be announced. At the summer camp, the committee will select a team of 5 and 2 reserves. All 7 of them will be invited to participate in the Pan Americans and other international events.

The selected debaters are required to commit themselves in writing to a number of requirements including a code of conduct and making themselves available for a week long summer camp and for the week immediately prior to the tournament. The coach may try to get the team together at other points during the year. In addition, the coach will give the team regular assignments designed to broaden their knowledge and to keep them on top of current issues.

Our stipulations are that they will be spending the 2012 – 2013 school year in a high school in Canada or, in Quebec, in their first year at a CEGEP, and they will have reached their 14th birthday but not their 19th birthday by the first day of the tournament (Jan. 2013). Students must debate for the country in which they go to school. Students do not have to be Canadian citizens in order to debate for Canada.

For more information, visit the CSDF website at www.csdf-fcde.ca.

The World Schools Debating Championships (WSDC) has an excellent website at www.schoolsdebate.com. We would ask that all participants in the selection tournament go to this site and download the **Notes for Adjudicators** found in the Rules & Guides section. These notes give a very detailed explanation of Worlds style debating and in particular, the special responsibilities of each member of the team.

We would recommend that participants read this document thoroughly and bring it with them to Toronto as we will be referring to it frequently during the briefing. Students might also read through the section on Definition Guidelines.

Once again, the Application deadline is October 28th 2011.

Yours truly,

Tracey Lee, Chair
National Team Committee