

Dear Provincial and Territorial Debate Coordinators,

I am writing on behalf of the CSDF's World's Committee to invite each member province and territory to send three students (selected by whatever method you choose) to attend the tryout tournament for selection to the national team for 2010. The Committee may also select up to six students from anywhere in the country to participate in the tournament. (This would not affect the provinces' and territories' right to send three students each.)

The tournament will take place in Calgary on the two days immediately following the National Seminar, i.e. November 25th and 26th. This means that students who are already there for the Seminar will stay on for an extra two days and we ask the others to arrive the day before the tryouts, i.e. November 24th (before 4.30 p.m., please) and to leave either after 9 p.m. on the 26th or before noon the following morning. We tie the tryout tournament to the National Seminar as, over the years, we have found that about 50% of the tryout contenders also participate in the Seminar. This means that their airfare is covered by a grant from Exchanges Canada. I'm afraid that other participants in the tournament will have to be responsible for their own airfares.

Students will be met at the airport and billeted. All their meals will be provided and we ask all participants to pay a registration fee of \$100 to cover their meals and other incidental expenses.

From the tryout tournament we normally select nine students but the Committee, acting on the coach's recommendation, may reappoint member(s) of the 2009 team if they are still eligible. We shall know for sure how many students we are selecting well before the tournament. All nine students are required to attend a summer camp and a preparatory week immediately before the world tournament. At the end of the summer training week we will select the five students who will participate in the 2010 tournament. Again, at this point, we don't yet know where and when the world tournament will take place but we will know well before the selection tournament. All nine will participate in the Pan-American tournament to be held in Halifax probably from October 10th to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. We have also been invited to send team(s) to an International tournament in November.

World's rules stipulate that students must have reached their 14th birthday but not yet reached their 19th by the first day of the world tournament. (I realise that it would help you if we knew the dates of the 2010 event but we should find out in September and I will immediately let you know.) Students must also be in full-time attendance at a secondary school in Canada or, in Quebec, in their first year in a CEGEP. Students do not have to be Canadian citizens to debate for Canada.

To register for the Team Canada Selection Tournament, please visit the CSDF website at [www.csd-fcde.ca](http://www.csd-fcde.ca) and download the following files:

- CSDF National Seminar Registration Form
- CSDF package of Agreements and Waivers
- Team Canada Selection Tournament Application Form

Students who are attending the Selection Tournament only and not the National Seminar may indicate this on the registration form. The Agreements and Waivers must be read carefully and signed. Completed applications and signed waivers are to be submitted by email, regular mail or fax to the address on the last page of the application form by October 16th, 2008.

Registration fees can be paid by cheque made payable to CSDF and mailed with the signed agreements and waivers or by email money transfer to [seminar@csdf-fcde.ca](mailto:seminar@csdf-fcde.ca).

I would ask you to ask the students you select to go to the WSDC website at [www.schoolsdebate.com](http://www.schoolsdebate.com) and go to the Rules section. They should print off and bring with them the Notes for Adjudicators. This section explains in great detail the nature of world's style debating and we shall be referring to it constantly during the two-day tournament. They might also usefully read the section on Definitions.

The tournament will begin with a workshop on world's style debating and we shall then run eight rounds of debating. The draw is so arranged that each student will debate every position at least once. The debaters will be judged by experienced judges who have all judged in at least one world tournament. Team selection will be based on a combination of their debating performance, an interview with one of the judges, and their formal application. We will do our best to contact all the participants as soon as possible after the tournament.

If you have any questions about this tournament or any allied world's business, please email me at [jwebster@csdf-fcde.ca](mailto:jwebster@csdf-fcde.ca)

Best wishes,  
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