



The UNIVERSITY of WESTERN ONTARIO  
Debating Society

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c/o University Students' Council  
University of Western Ontario  
University Community Centre, Room 340  
London, Ontario, N6A 3K7

Dear Coach,

With the fall semester in full swing, I would like to give you more information about the University of Western Ontario's Canadian Parliamentary High School Debating Tournament! The tournament is scheduled to begin on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and end on the evening of Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration is scheduled to run from 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm on Friday afternoon, and the tournament should run no later than 7:00 pm on Saturday. For a full tournament schedule, I invite you to visit our Debating Society's website at [www.uwodebate.ca](http://www.uwodebate.ca).

I am pleased to unveil the prepared motion for Friday evening's rounds of debate: **THBT the Government Has the Right to Place Restrictions on Executive Bonuses Given out by Financial Institutions.**

All rounds will be conducted in Canadian Parliamentary Style. The two rounds on Friday evening will be on the prepared topic noted above. Please remind your debaters to prepare for both the Government and Opposition sides of this motion. Saturday brings us three more preliminary rounds of debate, however the prepared motion will not be used after Friday evening. At the beginning of each round on Saturday, all teams will be offered a "straight resolution" which will be presented in such a way that the Government team can run it word for word. All teams will also be offered a "squirrleable resolution". This is basically a nonsense resolution that the Government team uses as a link at the beginning of the debate to present a case that they have prepared themselves. It is the responsibility of the Government team to decide which motion they'd like to use. Every straight topic offered will be within the grasp of all present debaters. If there is any confusion surrounding the styles of debate involved at the tournament, **please consult our website** as a complete tournament style guide is posted. As both straight and squirrleable topics are commonly used in university debating, exposure to these styles now will bring significant benefit for future years of debating.

In terms of adjudication, our pool of judges is rich in experience. The majority of judges will be current UWO Debating Society members. A number of UWO Debating Alumni have also volunteered their time and expertise to assist with adjudicating. Furthermore, we are in communication with the University of Toronto, Wilfred Laurier University and the University of Waterloo to send some of their most qualified debaters to assist throughout the weekend. It is one of our main goals at this tournament to ensure that students consistently receive thorough, useful feedback that will facilitate improvement for future rounds and years of debating.

The tournament fees are \$50 per debater or \$100 per team, with a pre-payment of **\$50 per team** due by the registration deadline of **Thursday, November 12, 2009**. Cheques can be made payable to the "UWO Debating Society" and can be sent to the return address at the top of this letter. Registration costs cover participation in the five preliminary rounds of debate, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and snacks throughout the tournament. It will also cover the cost of medals and

trophies for top debaters, as well as the janitorial costs required following the tournament. Registration forms are posted on the UWO Debating Society website. If it makes matters easier, I would also be delighted to send the necessary registration paperwork to you via email provided you send me a request to do so.

Any dietary restrictions (i.e. kosher, vegan, allergies) and billeting requests must be received via email before the November 12<sup>th</sup> registration deadline. As stated in previous letters, you can reach me at [sthurn@uwo.ca](mailto:sthurn@uwo.ca). Now that our website is fully up and running, you can also reach me at [highschool@uwo.ca](mailto:highschool@uwo.ca).

Regardless of any dietary restrictions or billeting requests, I would ask at this point in time for you to send me an email anyways, as this will be the last hardcopy letter sent out. As the tournament date draws closer, compiling an email list of all interested schools will prove much more efficient for both planning and communication purposes, and will also allow us to better meet the needs of all participants. Any comments, concerns or suggestions will also be dealt with through the email addresses given.

I look forward to hearing back from you, and hopefully will be seeing you in November!

Sincerely,

Sydney Thurn  
High School Tournament Director  
University of Western Ontario Debating Society