



## Dear Coaches and Debaters,

It is with a great deal of excitement that the Wilfrid Laurier University Debating Society (WLUDS) invites you to the inaugural **Laurier Classic**, a high school tournament hosted by the WLUDS at Wilfrid Laurier University from February 19-20, 2010.

This tournament will be a wonderful opportunity for debaters from the CWOR region and beyond to debate in a university atmosphere with our experienced judges. We plan for this tournament to be educational, informative, and most importantly, fun for everyone involved.

## Tournament Information

The tournament will be held in Canadian Parliamentary style, with five rounds of debate breaking to semi finals. The first motion will be given in advance of the tournament, and students will be expected to prepare both sides of the argument, as they will only be debating one side of the motion at the tournament, and they will not know whether they are Opposition or Government until fifteen minutes before the beginning of the round.

The rest of the motions as well as the positions that each team will be debating will be given to the debaters 15 minutes in advance of that round. The motions will be fair and should be within the grasp of all participants. The motions will **not** be squirreable, meaning that the motion must be debated straight, as it was written, and anything outside the motion could cause a reduction in score.

To help participants get a better grasp on exactly what will be expected, we will be sending out a style guide specifically written for this tournament to all those who register; closer to the tournament date. As can be seen in the attached tentative schedule, there will be briefings for debaters as well as show debate to further realize the style requested.

## Adjudication

The adjudication at the Laurier Classic will be performed by past and present WLUDS debaters, who all have a great deal of experience within the field of debate. All of these judges will be offering constructive advice after each round and it is our hope that this will be greatly beneficial to all involved. We will also be accepting high school coaches who wish to judge as we understand their unique understanding of high school debating, if a coach wishes to judge, they need only fill out the required field on the registration form attached.

For the first four rounds there will be open adjudication by the judges where debaters will be given constructive criticism and advice, and also be informed of their ranking within that round. The fifth round will be closed adjudication where the participants will not be informed of their ranking, but will still be given constructive feedback.



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## WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY DEBATING SOCIETY

We are also excited to offer something we think will be of great interest to debaters, that is, the opportunity to be panelists with our judges rather than debate. As a judge a student would be expected to participate as a panelist in all five of the in-rounds, giving them good insight into what judges are looking for in a speech and therefore improving their overall debating skills. We will only be offering **ten** of these positions, so please register quickly if you are interested.

### Registration

The registration fees per team will be **\$90 per team**, and **\$40 per student judges**. This fee will go towards paying for dinner on Friday and a light breakfast, lunch and formal meal on Saturday. It also includes the cost of information packages given to students, awards and other miscellaneous costs. Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and therefore it is in your best interest to register early.

To help us with your registration, please be sure to fill out the attached registration form, paying special attention to dietary restrictions, as we need to be aware of these to properly plan alternatives.

A **non-refundable** deposit of **\$40 per team** and **\$20 per student judge** must be received by **January 31<sup>st</sup>**. The rest of the registration fees can be paid up to and on the day of registration on **February 19<sup>th</sup>**. All payments must be made via cheque addressed to the Wilfrid Laurier University Debating Society. Please mail both the cheque and the completed registration form to:

**Wilfrid Laurier University Debating Society  
31 Hickory Street West  
N2L 3H8  
Waterloo, ON**

### Team Caps

Due to room restrictions, we will be instituting a team cap of 40 for this tournament, and a student judge cap of 10, so please register quickly to ensure a spot!

If you have any other concerns or questions about the tournament or the Wilfrid Laurier University Debating Society itself, please contact us at [wludebating@gmail.com](mailto:wludebating@gmail.com). We hope to see you in February!

Sincerely,

Kate Solecki  
Tournament Director, Laurier Classic



## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

### Friday

3:00-4:00pm	Registration
4:00-4:30pm	Briefing
4:30-5:15pm	Show debate
5:15-5:30pm	Round one pairings (prepared motion)
5:30-6:30pm	Round one
6:30-7:30pm	Dinner
7:30-7:45pm	Round two pairings and motion
7:45-8:45pm	Round two

### Saturday

9:00-10:00am	Breakfast
10:00-10:15am	Round three pairings and motion
10:15-11:15 am	Round three
11:15-11:30 am	Round four pairings and motions
11:30-12:30 am	Round Four
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch
1:30-1:45pm	Round five pairings and motion
1:45-2:45pm	Round Five
2:45-3:00pm	Semi-Final Break Announcement
3:00-4:00pm	Semi-Final Round
4:00-5:00pm	Free time
4:45pm	Final break announcement
5:00-6:00pm	Final Round
6:00-7:30pm	Meal and awards ceremony

Remember, this is just a tentative schedule, and is subject to change.



## REGISTRATION FORM

### Contact Information

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Contact(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Registration

Number of teams: \_\_\_\_

Names of team members:

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Number of student judges: \_\_\_\_

Name(s) of student judges: \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Information

Payment included: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary restrictions (kosher, vegetarian, allergies):

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Anything else we should know?

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