



Dear Debate Coaches and Debaters,

It is our pleasure to invite you to our first annual Junior Debating and Public Speaking Tournament at UTS on Saturday, December 5, 2015. Our tournament aims to provide enrichment and skill development for our junior level debaters and public speakers in grades 8 and 9. It is ideal preparation for the upcoming Ontario Junior Provincials in February and will help redress the dearth of competitive opportunities for young debaters and public speakers. Our four rounds of speech events will combine emphasis on debate skills with emphasis on persuasion and rhetoric. We look forward to welcoming you and your junior debaters to the University of Toronto Schools.

**DATE:** Saturday, December 5, 2015

**LOCATION:** University of Toronto Schools, 371 Bloor Street West

**TEAMS:** Each school is invited to send four two-person teams of grade 8 or 9 debaters, students who will be eligible to participate in the Ontario Junior Provincials later in the year. Each school's delegation must be accompanied by an adult who may be asked to judge. Our tournament can accommodate up to 50 teams.

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

The registration fee is \$45 per student (\$90 per two-person team), payable to "University of Toronto Schools" at the registration desk on December 5.

**SPEECH TYPES & FORMAT:**

Each competitor will take part in two rounds of impromptu debate in Canadian National Debate format in the morning. After lunch, each competitor will deliver a Declamation speech before two different panels of judges. Declamation speeches allow debaters to examine the speeches of well-known orators or public figures. Awards will be presented for both speech types.

**DEBATING:**

The debates will be impromptu in Canadian National Debate format. Each team consists of two debaters from the same school. The resolution will be presented to the teams 30 minutes before the start of the debate. Competitors may not use any information resources, printed or digital, as they prepare for the debates. Speeches must be based solely on their knowledge of the subject. The resolution must be interpreted in a reasonable manner; 20 minutes prior to the start of the debate, the Proposition will give the definition of key terms to the Opposition. If the Opposition feels the definition is undebatable, it must appeal to the tournament director, whose

decision is final. Proposition teams will prepare in the allocated room; the Opposition teams will prepare outside the room. All speeches are 6 minutes in length and summary speeches are 3 minutes in length; 30 seconds grace will be allowed for each debater. The results of the debate will be based entirely on speaker's points, not on win-loss records. The length and order of speeches are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Proposition 6 minutes
- 1<sup>st</sup> Opposition 6 minutes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Proposition 6 minutes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Opposition 6 minutes
- 1<sup>st</sup> Opposition summary 3 minutes
- 1<sup>st</sup> Proposition summary 3 minutes

**DECLAMATION:**

Each participant will read aloud a speech, or part thereof, given by a famous orator from the past. The orator must be deceased. The reading should be in the spirit of the original in terms of passion and conviction, but the reader need not adopt an accent or try to assume the character of the deceased orator. The reading should be prefaced by a brief introduction indicating who delivered the speech originally, when, to whom, why, and noting why the speech has been chosen. The speech will be read, but practiced, so that delivery is fluent and the speaker looks up from time to time. The declamation should be from 5 to 8 minutes in length.

**PARKING:** There is very little parking available at the University of Toronto Schools. We recommend that most participating teams travel by taxi or by public transit.

**REPLIES:** Please return the enclosed registration form by Thursday, November 26, 2015, to Aija Zommers – [aija.zommers@utschools.ca](mailto:aija.zommers@utschools.ca)

Looking forward to welcoming you to UTS and to our first annual Junior Debating and Public Speaking Tournament,

Aija Zommers  
Richard Cook  
Chris Carswell  
Deirdre Casey  
Zachary Fanni  
Sarah Harrison  
University of Toronto Schools Debate Coaches

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<b>8:30 - 9:00</b>	Registration for Debaters Registration for Judges	Front Foyer Library (213)
<b>9:00 - 9:30</b>	Briefing of Debaters Round 1 Debate topic revealed at 9:30	Auditorium (114)
<b>9:30 - 10:00</b>	Briefing of Judges Debaters prepare for Round 1 Debate	Library (213) Assigned rooms
<b>10:00 - 10:50</b>	Round 1 Debate	Assigned rooms
<b>11:00 - 11:30</b>	Round 2 Debate topic revealed at 11:00 Debaters prepare for Round 2 Debate Refreshments for Judges and Coaches	Auditorium (114) Assigned rooms Library (213)
<b>11:30 - 12:20</b>	Round 2 Debate	Assigned Rooms
<b>12:30 - 1:30</b>	Lunch for Judges and Coaches Lunch for Debaters	Library (213) UTS Gym (105)
<b>1:30 - 2:30</b>	Round 1 Declamation	Assigned rooms
<b>2:45 - 3:45</b>	Round 2 Declamation	Assigned Rooms
<b>4:00 - 4:45</b>	Awards Ceremony	Auditorium (114)

**REGISTRATION FORM: UTS JR. DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING TOURNAMENT**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

**Please e-mail your reply by Thursday, November 26, 2015**

**TO: Aija Zommers      E-MAIL: aija.zommers@utschools.ca**

**PLEASE PRINT:**

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

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME:**

**GRADE:**

**TEAM #1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TEAM #2:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TEAM #3:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TEAM #4:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**COACH OR SUPERVISING ADULT WHO MAY BE ASKED TO JUDGE:**

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