



UBC IV 2018 Invitation

On behalf of the UBC Debate Society, I welcome you to this year's edition of UBC IV 2018! This tournament is being held on January 20th and 21st at the University of British Columbia, in beautiful Vancouver, Canada, and on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Musqueam people. Further information and a tentative schedule are included below. Please email ubciv2018@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nathan Schwarz-Lee

Tournament Director

About the UBCDS

Established in 1906, the UBCDS has a long and esteemed history in the debate community, as well as a reputation for hosting efficient and generally gladdening competitive tournaments. We have recently hosted the North American Women's Debating Championship (2017), Canadian Parliamentary National Championship (2013), as well as being hosts of the McGoun Western Canadian Championships (2015, 2012), Canadian British Parliamentary Championships (2016, 2009), and the Worlds University Debate Championships (2006). We host two to three intercollegiate debating tournaments yearly, and can draw upon our experienced members and alumni to provide excellent judging at the tournament.

Format

UBC IV will be in British Parliamentary style, with standard WUDC rules and 7 minute speaking times. There will be five rounds with a break to semifinals.

Adjudication Team

The Chief Adjudicator for this tournament will be ***Bexley Brown***. Bexley has a host of experience as a debater and adjudicator, including being selected as an Independent Adjudicator for Worlds (2017), Oxford IV (2017), and Cambridge IV (2017).

Deputy Chief Adjudicators:

The Deputy Chief Adjudicators for this tournament will be ***Aine Foran*** and ***Michael Warren***.

Aine has had significant experience as an adjudicator and debater, including being selected as a Chief Adjudicator for Seattle IV (2017, 2016), breaking in consecutive years to USUDC, and was the Champion of Mahaffey Memorial (2016). Michael has been selected as an Independent Adjudicator for Worlds (2016), Chief Adjudicator of Fall Open (2017, 2014), qualified as the top international team at USUDC (2014), and was Champion of Pacific Cup (2016) and UBC IV (2014).

There may also be a training DCA, to be announced.

Judging Policies

In order to ensure the best judging possible, UBC IV will have an n-1 judging requirement, following a rounding up policy. Experienced judges will count as 2. If your school is travelling from afar to compete, we will be sympathetic to relaxing this; contact the Tournament Director to discuss.

The CA team will drop teams from the tab that do not arrive on time for any round of the tournament. If you realize you will be late, contact the Tournament Director *immediately* by email at ubciv2018@gmail.com or by phone at 778-991-7300 so that we are aware of when you will be arriving. If you do not contact us, we will be forced to drop you from the tournament without further notice.

The clash policy at this tournament will not necessarily exclude judges from judging teams from their own institutions. This is due to the size of UBC's debate team relative to the size of other institutions in the Canadian West, and is a standard policy at regional tournaments. However, we will not allow judges to judge a team where they are in a paid coaching or staff role relative to that team. We will also not allow judges to judge teams where they are or have been in a very close personal relationship (e.g. former worlds partner) with a member of those teams. In any other situation where a judge does not feel comfortable judging a team, we will also respect those requests. Any judge or team member in any of these situations should notify a member of the adjudication team, or equity team by email. We will also endeavour to balance judging panels and outrounds panels with judges from many institutions.

Please direct questions about experienced judges or any other judging-related matters to Bexley Brown.

Registration

The registration deadline is January 13, 2018.

Please fill out the form at the following link to register: <https://goo.gl/forms/xdtkCQQYz4Nlf8Kh2>

Cost

Team cost: \$120

Judge cost: \$40. There will be an uncovered judges fee of \$100 per uncovered team for schools that are unable to provide judges.

Payment **MUST** be received by January 13th. We will have payment options available including credit card and cash. Cheques will also be accepted and can be made out to UBC Debate Society, and mailed to: Room 3500, 6133 University Blvd., Vancouver BC, V6T 1Z1

In the case that payment cannot be provided by January 13th, please contact Nathan Schwarz-Lee at ubciv2018@gmail.com, or you may be dropped from the tournament. For teams that do not pay by the deadline and have not made alternative arrangements with the Tournament Director, registration fees will increase to \$160 per team.

Equity

As a CUSID member, all tournaments that the UBCDS hosts follow the CUSID Code of Conduct, and as such will have an equity policy and equity officers. More information will be provided about the policy closer to the date of the tournament.

Accommodations

The UBC Debate Society is a large club with billeting to spare. Please email us ASAP if you are interested in billeting. Preference in billeting will be given to the teams coming from the greatest distance.

In the past, we have typically had few to no teams choose to stay in a hotel, and as such, we have not arranged a hotel deal. If you are planning to stay in a hotel, please inform us and we can arrange a deal if there is sufficient interest.

Food and Socials

The tournament will provide breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. In addition, there will be a banquet and social held Saturday evening for participants, judges, and volunteers to attend.

Schedule

Note that the schedule below is tentative and subject to small changes.

Saturday:

8:30 am Breakfast and Check-In

9:00 Briefing

9:15 Roll Call

9:30 Round 1

11:00 Roll Call

11:15 Round 2

12:30 Lunch Served

1:00 Roll Call

1:15 Round 3

2:45 Roll Call

3:00 Round 4

7:30 Banquet

9:00 Social

Sunday:

8:30 Breakfast

9:15 Roll Call

9:30 Round 5

11:00 Semi Finals

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Final

3:30 Awards