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## Dear Coaches and Debaters,

It is my great pleasure to invite you to this year's Queen's National High School Debating Championships, held at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario from February 11th to February 13th, 2011. The Queen's Debating Union (QDU), founded in 1843, is the oldest debating union in North America and it is ranked 11th in the world.

Over the course of my debating career, I have personally had the pleasure of serving on over ten tournament organizational committees and am excited to lead my stellar team to execute yet another successful competition.

### Tournament Information

This year's tournament will feature six rounds of preliminary debate in Canadian Parliamentary style, breaking to quarter-finals. The first two rounds on Friday night will involve a prepared motion of: **THW abolish the crime of treason**. Each team will debate both sides of the motion in open-adjudication rounds, during which the adjudicator will announce the winner and the reason for decision after each round.

The remaining rounds of the tournament will be closed-adjudication, and will have resolutions which are "straight/squirrelable optional". While teams will be provided with suggested resolutions (which are strongly recommended), government teams are welcome to "squirrel" these resolutions to a topic of their choosing.

On Sunday, we will announce the top eight teams, who will compete in the quarter-, semi- and finals will be held on Sunday. These rounds will also be "straight/squirrelable optional". Please see the attached schedule for more detailed information.

### Hardware

Hardware will be awarded to the top ten speakers as well as to the eight breaking teams. The top-ranking speaker of this tournament who chooses to attend Queen's University will also be awarded an entrance scholarship. In the past, this scholarship has consisted of a minimum of \$1,500.

### Adjudication

The Chief Adjudicator for the tournament will be QDU Critic, Adam Hetherington, who will be part of the illustrious contingent participating in the World's University Debating Championships in Botswana this year. A sampling of his recent impressive credentials includes a finalist ranking at both the Lord Dorchester Cup and the HWS/IDEA tournament, and a quarter-final ranking at the North American Championships. This November, Adam was also a finalist at the Father Roger's Guindon Cup in Ottawa, where he was also awarded the top speaker award. Adam was also the Chief Adjudicator for the annual Chancellor's Cup, held this past fall.

In addition to Adam, Queen's is home to numerous other decorated debaters and one of the deepest judging pools on the Canadian university circuit. We will be providing extensive judging training seminars to all of the judges prior to the weekend, and debaters will have opportunities to provide anonymous feedback to their judges during the course of the weekend.

### Mentoring and University Tours

The QDU will continue its traditional mentorship programme where we match qualified university debaters with small groups of students to further develop their debating skills. Our mentors will have

prepared topics of debating material and will also be available to answer questions from students. To supplement these mentoring sessions, we will also be providing two concurrent workshops (for novice and advanced debaters) which will be run by some of our experienced members.

The QDU will be offering private campus tours to interested students during lunch on Saturday. Details on these tours will be available closer to the tournament date.

### Registration

Registration will be **\$120 per team of two**, which includes a guaranteed six rounds of debate, dinner on Friday, and breakfast and lunch on both Saturday and Sunday. A deposit of **\$60 per team of two** must be received by January 31st. **A team will only be considered registered when this deposit is paid.** The balance of the payment can be paid to the tournament director upon registration on Friday, February 11th. Payment must be in the form of cheques, and shall be made out to the "Queen's Debating Union" and can be mailed to:

Queen's Debating Union  
c/o AMS Mailboxes  
John Deutsch University Centre  
Queen's University  
Kingston, Ontario  
K7L 3N6

To ensure school parity, there will be an initial team cap of five teams per school which will be guaranteed until January 7th, 2011. Following this date, the cap will be lifted, and we shall accommodate additional teams until we have reached our registration cap of 64 teams. Schools will be notified immediately upon receipt of payment in order to be kept aware of their registration status.

Note that schools are welcome to submit a list and payment for all potential teams, although only the first five teams will be guaranteed; refunds will only be awarded in the case of teams which were listed, which did not meet our registration cap.

### Accommodation

Confederation Place Hotel is offering a special rate for Queen's High School Debate Tournament participants. Rates range from \$105 to \$119 depending on the number of people in the room (1-4). Confederation Place Hotel ([www.confederationplace.com](http://www.confederationplace.com)) is located in the heart of downtown Kingston, right on the waterfront, and offers a great combination of convenience, comfort, and affordability. Call the hotel toll free at 1-888-825-4656 and ask to book a team in the "Queen's Debate Tournament" block. A guest service agent will take your rooming request and contact information and Scott Stoness will contact you within 24hrs; or contract him directly at [scs@confedplace.com](mailto:scs@confedplace.com).

We look forward to another great weekend, and feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

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Queen's Debating Union  
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School name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Payment Included: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$60 **non-refundable** deposit per team required)

Names of Those Attending In Teams (if known):

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Name of Coach/Contact Person

Attending The Tourament: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions(including number of cases): \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of students requesting for campus tour: \_\_\_\_\_

We require that each debating contingent be accompanied by a supervising coach or parent.

If you are unsure of the names of the debaters or their dietary restrictions, please contact Husein Panju at [hs2011@queensdebatingunion.ca](mailto:hs2011@queensdebatingunion.ca) when such information becomes available.

*This is a tentative version of the schedule **only**. New information will be posted as soon as it becomes available.*

### **Friday, February 11th, 2011**

3:00 - 5:00 PM	Registration in Stirling Hall, Dinner served at 5 PM Judges arrive by 4
5:00 - 5:30 PM	Debaters Briefing
5:30 - 6:15 PM	Show Round by QDU Debaters
6:15 - 6:30 PM	Briefings and Pairings
6:30 - 7:30 PM	Round 1 (Prepared)
7:30 - 8:00 PM	Mentoring
8:00 - 9:00 PM	Round 2 (Prepared)

### **Saturday, February 12th, 2011**

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast in Stirling Hall – Judges Check-In
9:00 - 10:30 AM	Round 3
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Advanced Debating Seminar
11:00 - 12:30 PM	Round 4
12:30 - 1:30 PM	Lunch & Campus Tours
1:30 - 3:00 PM	Round 5
3:15 - 3:45 PM	Mentoring
3:45 - 5:15 PM	Round 6

### **Sunday, February 13th, 2011**

9:00 - 9:30 AM	Breakfast in Stirling Hall – Judges Check-in
9:30 AM	Quarter-final Motion and Draw
9:50 - 10:50 AM	Quarter-finals
11:00 - 12:00 PM	Semi-finals
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Lunch
1.30 - 3.30 PM	Finals and Awards