



Invitation to Canadian Universities Debate Tournament 2025

Dear CUSID Debaters,

Sodales Debate is excited for the opportunity to bring together debaters from across Canada for CUDC 2025! We will be hosting this tournament in-person in Halifax, Nova Scotia at Dalhousie University's Studley Campus. The tournament will be taking place on November 22nd and 23rd 2025. Please refer to this invitation for initial information about our tournament, including the registration process. We will be providing more details via a tournament package that will be provided closer to the tournament date.

Tournament Details

Format: This tournament will be in British Parliamentary format. Each motion will be provided 15 minutes before each round. These motions will be impromptu, with no research permitted during prep time.

Registration Fees: The team registration fee for the tournament will be \$130 and the judge fee will be \$50.

Judging Requirement: Institutions will be expected to bring $n/2$ judges, rounded up. There will be a \$80 fee for missing judges.

Financial Aid: If your institution would like to request a reduction in reg fees or a waiver of the missing judge fees, please apply via our financial aid [form](#) which is due at 11:59 PM AST on November 12th.

Eligibility: In order to be eligible to the tournament according to CUSID regulations, debaters must be a registered student at an institution that is a member of CUSID. Hybrid teams are permitted.

Novice Status: Novice status will be granted to debaters who are in their first year of university debate. Debaters who have completed more than one year of university debate, but who have competed at less than three university level tournaments prior to CUDC 2025 will also be considered novices.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided on both Saturday and Sunday. Dinner will also be provided on Saturday. We will endeavour to accommodate all allergies and dietary restrictions that our team is informed about in advance. Please use the participant information form to indicate dietary restrictions.

Socials: We will have a social on Saturday night. We are currently looking at having a banquet dinner, but we will have an alternative if this is not the case. We are also looking at doing city tours and other activities for those who arrive early on Friday.

Billeting and Accommodations: We will have the capacity to billet a limited number of participants. A billeting request form will be provided in the team spot confirmation email. We will prioritize billeting for institutions that are in financial need. We are also looking at organizing a hotel block. If we are successful, more details will come in the registration confirmation email.

Registration Instructions

Step 1: The preliminary registration [form](#) should be filled out by the institutional representative before 11:59 PM AST on November 12th to request team spots. As per CUSID policy, all institutions will be guaranteed at minimum 4 team spots. There will be a cap of 10 teams per institution, any teams requested over this cap will be placed on a waitlist. Institutions on the waitlist will be informed if they have been granted additional team spots by November 15th.

Step 2: After filling out the preliminary registration form, we will confirm spots on a rolling basis. Once their spots have been confirmed, institutions will receive a participant information form and other information via email. The participant information form will be due on November 15th at 11:59 PM AST. Institutions who do not fill out this form by the deadline may have their spots reallocated to those on the waitlist.

Step 3: Instructions on how to make the registration payment will be sent in the preliminary registration confirmation email. Unless waivers are awarded, the fees for this tournament will be \$130 per team and \$50 per judge. Institutions will be expected to pay in full by November 19th at 11:59 PM AST. Please contact the org comm for accommodations in the case that your institution needs an extension of this deadline.

Hybrid Teams: Please count a hybrid team as 0.5 when indicating the number of teams your institution is requesting to send and indicate which institution(s) make up the other half of your hybrid team(s) in the questions or concerns section of the preliminary reg form. When filling out participant information, the information of both team members should be submitted by one of the institutions the team is representing. In the case of a hybrid team, both institutions will be expected to pay half the registration fee for the team (\$65 each).

Waitlisted Spots: We will provide leniency, within reason, on the deadlines for the participant information form and payment deadline for institutions with waitlisted team spots. Please contact the org comm team if you would like an extension on these deadlines.

Tentative Schedule

November 22nd, 2025 (Saturday)	
Registration/Breakfast	8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Debater/Judges Briefing	9:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Equity Briefing	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Hard Drop!	10:30 AM
Round 1 Announcement	10:30 AM - 10:50 AM
Round 1	10:50 AM - 12:30 PM
Lunch	12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
Round 2 Announcement	1:30 PM - 1:50 PM
Round 2	1:50 PM - 3:30 PM
Round 3 Announcement	3:30 PM - 3:50 PM
Round 3	3:50 PM - 5:30 PM
Round 4 Announcement	5:30 PM - 5:50 PM
Round 4 (Closed)	5:50 PM - 7:30 PM
Dinner	7:30 PM
Social	8:30 PM

November 23rd, 2025 (Sunday)	
Check-in/Breakfast	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Hard Drop!	9:30 AM
Round 5 Announcement	9:30 AM - 9:50 AM
Round 5	9:50 AM - 11:30 PM
Lunch/Break Announcement	11:30 PM - 12:30 PM
Open Quarters/Nov Semis Announcement	12:30 PM - 12:50 PM
Open Quarters/Nov Semis	12:50 PM - 2:30 PM
Open Semis/Nov Finals Announcement	2:30 PM - 2:50 PM
Open Semis/Nov Finals	2:50 PM - 4:30 PM
Open Finals Announcement	4:30 PM - 4:50 PM
Open Finals	4:50 PM - 6:30 PM
Awards Ceremony	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Note: We reserve the right to make changes to this tentative schedule including cutting outrounds due to insufficient team numbers.

Contact Us!

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us at our tournament email, cudchalifax@gmail.com.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Halifax this fall,
The Halifax CUDC 2025 Team