

LME Regional Qualifier Invitation



Introduction

Fraser Heights Secondary is pleased to host an opt-in LME-wide regional qualifier tournament. Historically, our school has had to run elimination rounds every year to determine which teams to send to Regionals. This year, we're working in collaboration with R. E. Mountain and Semiahmoo to host an LME-wide tournament that combines all these elimination tournaments into one.

Tournament

This tournament will take place at Fraser Heights Secondary School at [16060 108 Ave., Surrey, BC](#) on December 14. It will run from approximately 0800 to 1700. A more detailed schedule is located at Annex A.

There will be 4 debate rounds (2 prepared and 2 impromptu) plus an impromptu senior final round at the end of the day. The three highest-scoring teams from each division will be awarded trophies.

Before tabs are posted, coaches will be asked to visit the tabs room, where they will be shown the results. They may choose up to two teams from their school in each division to represent their school at LME Regionals. Certificates will be awarded to those teams in the awards ceremony. Schools may opt out of this process and elect to determine their teams at a later time. Coaches may, at their own discretion, reserve spots at Regionals from their

own school for non-competing teams as well.

This will be DSABC-levied, which means that this is the only tournament any team must attend to meet their pizza debate requirement.

Cost

The cost of the tournament will be \$20 per debater. To streamline check-in, we ask that schools submit a single cheque for all their debaters, written out to *Fraser Heights Secondary School*, at the registration desk.

Topics

Each division will be debating different topics. Each team needs to prepare both sides of the resolution. Squirreling is not allowed.

Novice: BIRT welfare recipients must pass drug tests.

Junior: BIRT Canada should adopt a minimum annual income.

Senior: BIRT democratization should be the priority in foreign policy.

Judges

So that each round will have a minimum of two judges, we ask that each team bring a judge. We understand that finding judges is often difficult, **but we still want every interested team to compete**. Please email fhdebate@gmail.com if you have difficulties finding judges and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Registration

There is NO team cap.

Fraser Heights can accommodate approximately 70 teams. When a school registers, we will attempt to accommodate every one of its debaters. Priority will be established on a first-come-first-serve basis. In the event that we cannot fully accommodate a school (eg. registering that school will put us at 82 teams) we will not ask that school to eliminate teams before this tournament because that would defeat the purpose of the tournament, but we will not be able to accept registration from that school.

In order to register, please follow the link [here](#). You will need to create an account, add your students to the roster, and register them. It's a little tedious the first time, but this will speed things up substantially on the day of the tournament. The registration deadline is

December 8, 2013. We also need to know how many people will be eating a vegetarian meal, so please send us an email once you've completed registration (that includes judges).

Styles

Novices will debate solely in cross-examination, as per DSABC novice regulations. This includes their impromptu rounds. Juniors and Seniors will debate in cross-examination for the prepared topics and in CNDF for the impromptu rounds.

Lunch

A buffet will be available for all debaters, judges and volunteers during lunch. Restaurants are also located right across the street from the school.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at fhdebate@gmail.com.

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laban Lin', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Laban Lin
Fraser Heights' Head Coach
Tournament Director

Annex A: Anticipated Schedule

Notes:

- Briefing rooms TBA
- In the block 1440-1510, the moment tabs are completed, head coaches will be asked to visit the tabs room to determine which teams they want to send to Regionals. They are allowed to opt-out of making this decision on the tournament day.

Block	Debaters	Judges	Volunteers
0730-0800	-	-	Sign-in
0800-0900	Sign-in	Sign-in	Set up classrooms
0900-0930	Find your rooms	Cx Briefing	Cx Briefing
0930-1040	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1
1040-1140	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2
1140-1230	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
1230-1300	Prepare both cases	CNDF Briefing	CNDF Briefing
1300-1350	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3
1350-1440	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4
1440-1510	-	-	Reset classrooms
1510-1525	Senior finalists prepare	-	Reset classrooms
1525-1610	Senior finals	Spectate	Spectate
1610-1615	-	-	-
1615-1650	Awards Presentation	Awards Presentation	Awards Presentation
1650-1700	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks