

Lower Mainland East
Regional Debating Championship

Date: Saturday, January 30th, 2010
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (tentative schedule attached).

Venue: Walnut Grove Secondary School
8919 Walnut Grove Drive, Langley, B.C.

Registration Deadline:

<i>Confirmation of Attendance:</i>	<i>Friday, December 11th</i>	<i>Email</i>
<i>Initial Registration of Debaters:</i>	<i>Friday, January 8th</i>	<i>Web</i>
<i>Final Changes to Names/Numbers:</i>	<i>Friday, January 15th</i>	<i>Web</i>
<i>Judges Names:</i>	<i>Friday, January 15th</i>	<i>Web</i>

Entry Fee: \$50 per team of two (\$25 per individual).

Cheques payable to Walnut Grove Secondary School. Please collect fees from students when they commit to going, so that payment can be sent on time. In order to help students understand that this is not a commitment that you back out of, all fees paid are non-refundable (except in case of medical emergency or bereavement).

Payment must be received by: Friday, January 15th

Schools that do not pay by that date run the risk of not being able to enter all of the teams that wish to go.

Teams: We will probably have 16 schools participating in this tournament. I hope that as many teams as possible will be able to participate, but please understand that there might be limits.

At this point, each school should register the teams that they feel are prepared for this level of competition. I have not set limits on number of teams, but might have to contact schools about reducing the number of entries. Please understand that any restriction of numbers will be done because of the current size of the region.

All debaters participating in the Regionals should ideally have attended at least two prior tournaments (ex. pizza debates, UBCs). It is okay to send novices, but obviously more experienced debaters from your school should take priority.

Judges: Each school must supply one volunteer judge per team plus one extra (i.e. n+1, where n = number of teams). Extra judges are of course welcome. Judges must be registered by Friday, January 15th. If a school cannot supply enough judges, teams without judges will be withdrawn from the tournament.

Rounds: There will be four rounds of debate. For all debaters, the first two will be impromptu, the last two will be prepared.

Resolutions: Will be announced Sunday, December 13th by email to teams that have confirmed receipt of this document and their intention to attend the tournament. Teams that do not confirm their attendance on time will receive the resolutions when they do confirm their attendance.

Style: Novice (grades 7-8) will do cross-examination throughout the tournament.
Juniors (grades 9-10) will do cross-examination throughout the tournament.
Seniors (grades 11-12) will do CNDF throughout the tournament.
Detailed Style Guides for this tournament will be circulated by email along with the resolutions on Sunday, December 13th to teams that confirm their attendance.

Speech Contest: There will be an impromptu speech contest in the afternoon after debates are finished. Schools are asked to do their own competition in preparation and to nominate their best junior and best senior representative for this event. Only two rounds of speeches will take place: semi-finals and finals. Finalists will compete in front of everybody as part of the closing ceremonies.

Registration Process: All registration will be done online. This will make registration, draw-making, and tabs much easier. Please follow the steps described below. Email me if you are having trouble.

1. Go to <http://www.forensictournament.net/signup.php>
2. Enter as much data on the signup form as possible.
3. Go back to the home page and login (in the top right hand corner).
4. Click on "team roster" in the menu.
5. Add as many members as you would like. Be sure to add the names of all students going to the upcoming tournament. Names will be memorized for future use.
6. Click on "tournaments" in the menu.
7. Find the tournament named "2010 B.C. Lower Mainland East Regionals"
8. Click on Register.
9. Click on Enter/Edit Debate
10. Choose a debater, choose their event, and then choose their partner. Save the entry.
11. Then click on Enter/Edit Judges.
12. Enter names of judges. Enter your school acronym in the section where it says conflict.

Thank you for taking time to register. Walnut Grove Secondary is looking forward to hosting you for this year's LME Regional Tournament!

Regards,

Tim Bonnar
WGSS Debate Coach
LME Regional Coordinator
LME Regional Tournament Host, 2010

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Tentative Schedule

8:00	Registration	Room 246
8:30	Student Briefing (Impromptu topic announced)	Gymnasium
	Judges Briefing	Library
	Moderator and Timekeeper Briefing	Room 246
9:30	Round I (Impromptu)	Debate Rooms
10:30	Round II (Impromptu)	Debate Rooms
11:30	Lunch for Students	Cafeteria
	Lunch for Judges	Library
12:30	Round III (Prepared)	Debate Rooms
1:30	Round IV (Prepared)	Debate Rooms
2:30	Debating rounds end. (Judges and other volunteers are free to go).	
	Impromptu Speech Competition	Debate Rooms
4:00	Speech Finals and Presentation of Results and Prizes	Gymnasium
4:30	Departure	