



# UBC Debate Society

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## UBC IV 2015 Invitation

### Boo!

The annual UBC intervarsity tournament is happening this Halloween: Oct 31st - November 1st. UBCIV is a highly competitive WUDC-preparation tournament located in beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. Exciting Halloween socials, a deep judging pool and a beautiful city are just a few of the reasons you should attend.

Any questions about the tournament can be directed to the Tournament Director, Yash Parmar at [ubciv2015@gmail.com](mailto:ubciv2015@gmail.com). We hope to see you here!

### 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 Canadian Parliamentary National Championship (2013), as well as being hosts of the McGoun Western Canadian Championships (2015, 2012), Canadian British Parliamentary Championships (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 semi-finals. A style guide will be posted sooner to the tournament date.

### Adjudication Team

The Chief Adjudicators for this tournament will be Allison Morrell and Conor McGurk.

Allison Morrell was the Deputy Chief Adjudicator of the 2014 Western Canadian Championships. She was the top speaker at Seattle IV 2013 and Hatfield 2014, and has five years experience in inter-collegiate debate. She was also the Tournament Director at Pacific Cup 2014 at UBC and has extensive tournament organizing experience.



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Conor McGurk was a Chief Adjudicator of the 2015 West Coast Novice Championship, and has extensive judging experience throughout Western Canada. He was the champion of PSU IV 2015, a finalist at PSU IV 2014, and a finalist at UVic IV 2015.

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

## Judging Policies

In order to ensure the best judging possible, UBC IV will have an n/2 judging requirement, following a rounding up policy. Experienced judges will count as 2. Experienced is defined as: has broken at a tournament as a debater or judge (excluding in-houses and summer tournaments) and has judged at least one tournament. If your school is travelling from afar to compete, we will be sympathetic to relaxing the requirement.

The CAs of the tournament are perfectly willing to drop teams from the tab who do not arrive on time to any round of this tournament. If you realize you will be late, *please* contact a member of the adjudication team immediately by email ([allisonmorrell@gmail.com](mailto:allisonmorrell@gmail.com)) or phone at the numbers to be provided at the tournament so that we are aware of when you will be arriving. If you do not contact us, we will 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 romantic or 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 especially outbounds panels with judges from a variety of institutions.

Please direct questions about experienced judges or any other judging-related matters to Allison at [allisonmorrell@gmail.com](mailto:allisonmorrell@gmail.com).

## Registration

The registration deadline is 11:59 pm on October 25. Please fill out the form at the following link to register: <http://goo.gl/forms/qRbh81fe5T>



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## Cost

Team cost: \$100.00/team

Judge cost: \$40.00. 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 11:59PM Pacific Time on October 25th. We will have payment options available including Interac e-transfer and PayPal. More information will be posted by October 15. Cheques will also be accepted and can be made out to UBC Debate Society, and mailed to: Box 28, 6133 University Blvd., Vancouver BC, V6T 1Z1

In the case that payment cannot be provided by October 25, please contact Yash at [ubciv2015@gmail.com](mailto:ubciv2015@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 \$150.00 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 plenty of billeting (crash, for the Americans) 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, lunch, and dinner on Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. There will be an informal social Friday night, followed by an easily accessible Halloween social on campus on the Saturday. **Bring a costume!**



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## UBC IV 2015 Schedule

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

### Saturday:

8:00 am Breakfast

8:45 Roll Call

9:00 Round 1

10:30 Roll Call

11:00 Round 2

Lunch Served After Round 2

Roll Call 12:30

1:00 Round 3

2:30 Roll Call

3:00 Round 4

7:30 Banquet, Halloween Social (costumes encouraged!)

### Sunday:

8:30 Breakfast

9:15 Roll Call

9:30 Round 5

11:00 Semi Final

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Final

3:30 Awards