

Nova Scotia is eligible to select three students for the Team Canada tryouts which take place in Toronto. However, in addition to those students nominated by Nova Scotia, the committee also selects additional students based on their debating resume.

It is possible for you to be selected to attend the try outs by the national committee even though you are not one of the three students nominated by Nova Scotia. These are the rules for the Nova Scotia selection.

### **Nova Scotia Selection of Applicants to Worlds Team**

1. The try-out is entirely made up of coordinate teams. Each debater debates on an assigned team and speaks once in each position (which would occur in an order that is pre-selected).
2. The topics for the try-out would be impromptu and non-squirreliable. The topics would be topics previously used at the World Schools tournament, chosen by the coaches from the list of previous topics the morning of the competition.
3. Students would be given the same amount of preparation time they would receive at Worlds (1hour) and not be allowed to bring anything with them into the prep room aside from blank sheets of paper, Almanac, Dictionary, and a writing utensil (all other things would be publicly passed in to the try out organizers).
4. Schools can send students equal to the number that Nova Scotia is allowed to send to the Canadian try-out. (Up to three students per school can try out this year.) If a school has more students who wish to try out, the school coach can choose the try-out candidates from that school however he or she wants.
5. Students trying out must be eligible to attend the Worlds and must be approved by their coach (novices should not be permitted to tryout). Among other requirements, students must be in grades 9-11.
6. Students are selected based on performance at the tryout, regardless of school or geographic area.
7. Each school which enters a student should supply one judge. Other qualified judges not associated with a participating school can be recruited. There should be at least 6 judges in total. More would be better. Judges assess the debate independently.
8. Assuming 18 students try out (six teams of three), each student debates three times, once in each position. Students do their preparation when they are not debating, and they cannot watch the other debates.
9. Each judge sees every debater. Students are to be assessed on the criteria used at the Worlds schools tournament, but the judge can use whatever score sheet or system he wants. The completed score sheet does not need to be shown to anyone.
10. Because two teams of students are locked up while the other two debate, the same topic is used for each pair of debates – 3 topics in total, for 6 debates.

11. Each judge keeps his or her own score sheets. At the end of the day, each judge will rank all eighteen debaters (except the students from his own school) based on the judge's scores alone. The judge then submits his ranking of the students from 1-17 (assuming one debater from his school), for tabulation.
12. Each debater's best ranking and worst ranking is dropped– the remaining judges' rankings (not scores) from one to twelve are then added. The three debaters with the lowest numerical rankings go on to the tryouts. Each debater will end up with one ranking from each judge not from his school, before dropping his lowest ranking.