



22 November 2015

Dear Colleagues in Debate,

SEDA is pleased to invite your provincial or territorial debate organization to send up to six English and up to two French teams to participate in the 2016 Canadian National Debating Championships, which will be held in Saskatoon this coming April 8 through 10. (For those whose debaters aspire to Worlds, Team Canada tryouts are tentatively scheduled for the two days prior to CNDC -- April 6 and 7, 2016.) Any spaces still unclaimed by the deadline will be offered to participating organizations on a rotating, as-available basis.

The prepared resolution for Rounds One and Two will be: **“This House Would Implement Proportional Representation in Canada.”**

There will be six rounds of debate prior to the “break rounds;” bracketing will determine pairings after the first rounds. Among the ground rules: all teams will be assigned confidential identifiers rather than provincial ones; in the interests of anonymity, school uniforms will not be permitted; and judges will be encouraged to make comments, but *not* permitted to reveal the winners of the debate. Please note that all teams must be accompanied by an official chaperone responsible for all members of the provincial or territorial delegation.

We ask that all provincial and territorial organizations let us know the date by which you expect to name those who have qualified for CDNC 2016. We also ask that you inform us as soon as possible of the prepared resolutions that your teams have debated or will debate in provincial competition, or at major events such as university-sponsored tournaments.

Further information will be provided as available. (We have not yet finalized the budget, for example, but expect that there will be only a modest increase over last year’s fees.) Please distribute our periodic CNDC updates to your membership as appropriate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Buerger', is written below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Geoff Buerger
Executive Director, SEDA
2016 Tournament Director