

The Rt. Hon. Sir Winston Spencer Churchill Society

In Conjunction With
The Alberta Debate and Speech Association
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The University of Alberta Debate Society
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2016-2017

**Churchill Debate and Speech Competitions
Presented by the Nearctic Group**

Eligible Competitors: Grade 10, 11, and 12 students
ONLY from Edmonton and the surrounding area

Saturday, November 26, 2016
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
University of Alberta, Humanities Centre

Schedule

09:00 - 09:30	Registration DEBATERS THAT ARE NOT IN THE BUILDING AT 9:35 WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY DROPPED FROM THE TOURNAMENT. NO EXCEPTIONS FOR DEBATERS THAT ARE “ON THEIR WAY”.
09:30 - 10:30	Debaters and Judges’ Briefing
10:30 - 12:00	Round 1
12:00 - 12:30	Lunch (Provided)
12:30 - 02:00	Round 2
02:00 - 03:30	Round 3
03:30 - 04:00	Closing Remarks

Debate

Motion: It is 12 February 1945. This House, as Sir Winston Churchill, would bomb Dresden.

Note that this motion is a time-place-set, where the time and place of the debate are given, and all debates must be set in this context. You must not reference historical information from after 12 February 1945, but it is still possible to give plausible accounts of what might happen. Clearly, a fair amount of research must be done for this topic, not only about the historical background, but also about Churchill. The focus of the debate should be around Churchill as a player within the context of the Dresden bombings and his intentions as one of the “Big Three” Allied leaders, alongside U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin. A research package will be provided in advance to clarify the demands for this tournament.

The format for the debate portion of this tournament will be **British Parliamentary (BP)**. BP is an extremely popular style that is practised internationally. It is used at the World Universities Debating Championships, the European Universities Debating Championships, and the Oxford Schools Debating Competition. More information about BP will be in the research package. Speeches will be **5 minutes long, with 30 seconds protected time at the beginning and at the end, and 15 seconds of grace**. We may not be able to guarantee school protection, and there will be no distinction in terms of whom you will face based on whether you are a novice or an open team.

There will be 3 rounds of debate: **one prepared motion, and two impromptu motions** that are **similar in theme** to the prepared motion. At the end of the tournament, the **top 2 teams** will advance to the finals, to be held at a later date at a location TBA, with the **prepared motion, in Canadian National (CN) style**.

Speech

Topic: Express your views on whether Sir Winston Churchill was justified in the February 1945 bombing of Dresden.

- Speeches will be **5 minutes long**, with **15 seconds of grace**.
- There will be **three rounds** of the prepared topic. At the end of the tournament the top 3 speakers will advance to the finals, to be held at a later day at a location TBA.
- Competitors will be judged based on their ability to present logical arguments in an organized fashion, without using artificial emotional tactics to win over their audiences.
- Passion without reason will be **strictly penalized**.

Awards

The top three debate teams and the top three public speakers, as well as one coach from each school receiving an award, will attend a special Award ceremony, where students will be presented with medals, a book prize, and a cash award.

Debate	1 st Place - \$600 (\$300/debater)	Speech	1 st Place - \$300
	2 nd Place - \$400 (\$200/debater)		2 nd Place - \$200
	3 rd Place - \$200 (\$100/debater)		3 rd Place - \$100

Although there will not be any awards for them, we will verbally recognize the top beginner team, the top beginner speaker, and the top team/speaker from each school.

School Registration Form

The registration form must be emailed to tournaments@uads.ca before **November 18th, 2016**. **No registrations will be accepted after this date. THERE WILL BE ZERO EXCEPTIONS. Please also specify any special dietary needs.** The registration template provided should be used. Please email a typed copy containing the information.

Registration fees (\$30 per debater or speaker) should be submitted at the event. Please write one cheque to cover all participants from your school and submit the cheque at the event. If students decide not to attend after the deadline, the full payment is still required. **Please make cheques payable to “University of Alberta Debate Society.”**

We ask schools to initially provide one judge for every debate team or every two speakers (for speech), as volunteers are critical to any tournament's success. Complimentary lunch provided. Please contact us well before the registration deadline if you believe that it will be difficult. Thank you.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

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- University of Alberta Debate Society (tournaments@uads.ca)