



ENGLISH-SPEAKING UNION Chile

Dear English Heads of Department / Debate coaches,

The English Speaking Union is organizing its 11th annual ESU Debate Tournament. As we have done for years, we are having this competition during the second semester of Chilean school year. We would like to invite your school to participate and give your students the chance to experience and practice debating in English, since we have so few chances for them to practice.

Traditionally, the ESU Chile Debate Tournament is held at the schools that are participating in the competition. This year the dates will be on:

Saturday, Oct. 6th
Saturday, Oct. 20th
Saturday, Oct. 27th
Saturday, Nov. 10th

We beg you to read the attached 2018 Handbook and Rules carefully, as all the information you require is there, and there are slight changes from the 2017 version. In it you will find the tournament structure.

We invite all of you to consider not only participating in this tournament, but also offering your school as a venue. You would need to have somewhere between 8 to 14 rooms available for preparing the impromptu debates, and 4 to 7 for the actual debates. It is customary that during the break the host school offers some kind of snack for the debaters, coaches and judges. On the first date it is customary that all teams get together for a brief welcome. Then, in the four dates, we need a place where all teams, coaches and judges can get together to witness the draw for the motion. In the finals we need a room where four teams, plus coaches and judges fit for the award ceremony.

We really need you to consider your school as a venue! Please let us know what date would be the best for you!

If your school has never participated or you feel that you need some basic coaching on debating, or on the specific Worlds format that is used in this competition, ESU Chile is happy to offer to send an experienced debater to share his/her experience and knowledge with your team and teacher(s). Don't hesitate to let us know if you are interested in this.

Please reply to this email as soon as possible to let us know if you are interested in participating.

We need to know the name of your school, name of your coach, contact phone number and email, and total number of participants (see rules for notes on team numbers).

We look forward to having a lively and friendly competition, and we are especially looking forward to your school's participation.

Best regards,

ESU Chile Debate Sub-Committee
Ana Maria Tomassini