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# Nova Scotia Debating Society

## **SYSTEM OF SELECTING ENGLISH STUDENT DELEGATES TO NATIONAL STUDENT DEBATING SEMINARS CALCULATED TO ACHIEVE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE REGIONAL REPRESENTATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**

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### **Selection, Eligibility and Disqualifications**

1. Team members shall be selected on the basis of their performances at the last Nova Scotia Senior High School Debating Championships held before the relevant National Seminar, subject to the following conditions.
2. To be a delegate, the student must have placed in the top half of the standings at the said Senior High Championships.
3. The said Senior High Championships shall be conducted according to the Rules and National Seminar Regulations of the Canadian Student Debating Federation. In particular, these preclude a student from attending two National Seminars as an official delegate and more than one English delegate coming from the same school in any given year.
4. The Executive Committee of the Nova Scotia Debating Society may disqualify any student selected to attend a National Student Debating Seminar on the grounds that his or her conduct, preparation or suitability constitute a danger to the credibility of the debating programme.

### **A. Usual Regional Representation**

There shall be at least one delegate representing Halifax Regional Municipality (including Halifax, Dartmouth, Bedford, Cole Harbour and Lower Sackville), one delegate representing Cape Breton, and one delegate representing Rural (i.e., the remainder of) Nova Scotia, assuming that there are at least three English positions on a delegation, as long as there is a qualified candidate from the region specified.

### **B. Additional Representation**

The fourth English student debater on a delegation (if there are four such positions) shall be selected on the basis of competitive results and the other National Seminar Regulations but disregarding his or her regional origin.

**SYSTEM OF SELECTING  
FRENCH-SPEAKING AND  
BILINGUAL TEAM MEMBERS**

If entries warrant, a Contest shall be held at the Provincial Senior High Championships involving students desiring to win the one position reserved for a Francophone debater and/or the one position reserved for a Bilingual debater on the delegation. Such delegates are subject to paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of the Selection, Eligibility and Disqualifications requirements for English debaters set forth above. If no such Francophone or Bilingual Debating competition is held at the Senior High Championships, a Francophone or Bilingual delegate may be selected on the basis of competition at the last Débats l'Acadien or Provincial Bilingual Debating Championships respectively, subject to paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of the Selection, Eligibility and Disqualifications for English debaters set forth above.

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**JUNIOR HIGH NATIONALS  
REGIONAL REPRESENTATION**

The System of Regional Representation for Junior High Nationals is as follows:

- (1) There must be at least one student from each of the three recognized regions of the province.
- (2) Other positions be selected on the basis of the standings at the qualifying tournament, provided that no more than two students may come from the same school.