



## The Debater

### Registration Deadline !!!

Registration and Final payment Deadline June 1st  
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### New Observers Fees

**Double Room Occupancy** \$ 550.00 (US) per person Includes:  
**Single Hotel Occupancy** \$ 1,000 (US) per person Includes:

- 10 nights of accommodation (Double Occupancy)
- Transportation from the Airport -Hotel- Airport.
- 10 nights of accommodation (Single Occupancy)
- Transportation from the Airport-Hotel-Airport

**Observers** If you have already registered and paid in full and want to take advantage of this rate, reimbursement is available.

**Observers:** Please note that observers who decide to take advantage of this rate will be responsible for their own arrangements for transportation, meals, and entrance fees to special events.

If you would like to have some or all of these provided, please contact us for corresponding rates. [mmeneses@normanleach.com](mailto:mmeneses@normanleach.com)

### Important Notes

Some coaches has expressed their interest in having their teams in the same room 3 people (3 beds) . We have a limited number of rooms available. If you are interested please contact us ASAP.

As specified in the schedule, July 3 will be a full day of training for judges and coaches. Only debaters will be going on the field trip. This also means that teams must arrive in Korea in time for their judges and coaches to attend the training session.

**!!!!Every Participant under the age of 18 that will be part of the YBM Si-sa Debating Championships must present an original copy of the Consent and Acknowledgement of Risk signed by a parent or guardian at the time of registration!!!!**

Look for the form @ [www.globaldebatesecretariat.com](http://www.globaldebatesecretariat.com) under Reservation and Registration policies

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We have a new website! Please visit [www.wsdc-seoul.com](http://www.wsdc-seoul.com) for additional details and updates about the tournament!

## 2007 World Schools Debating Championships

### July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup> 2007

### Tentative Program

#### Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Arrival day Dinner
- Orientation meeting

#### Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Coaches and Adjudicators Training Seminar (all day)
- Debaters: Seoul City Tour (includes visit to Royal Palace)

#### Wednesday July 4<sup>th</sup>

- Debating round 1 and 2
- Gala Opening Dinner

#### Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup>

- Debating round 3 and 4 (Korea International School)

#### Friday July 6<sup>th</sup>

- Debating round 5 and 6

#### Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup>

- Debating round Zero
- Optional tour (DMZ, Folk Village, Lotte World or Seoul City Tour)

#### Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>

- Debating rounds 7 and 8 (Seoul English Village)
- Nanta Show
- Break Announcement

#### Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>

- Free morning (Sleep-in-day)
- Debating Octo-Finals (Korean Leadership Academy)

#### Tuesday July 10<sup>th</sup>

- Debating Quarter Finals & Semi Finals

#### Wednesday July 11<sup>th</sup>

- Debaters: Free time and Lunch
- World Council Meeting
- Grand Final Round Final
- Dinner
- Awards Ceremony

#### Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>

- Departure Day





## WSDC 2007 - Debate Motions

The Motions Selection Committee for the 2007 World Schools Debating Championships has finalized its selections for the prepared motions to be debated by the teams at this year's championship in Seoul. They are as follows:

### **PRELIMINARY ROUND PREPARED MOTIONS**

- This House believes that free trade harms the developing world
- This House believes that Holocaust denial should be a crime
- This House believes that the United States should withdraw from its military bases in Asia
- This House would make the development of clean industry a condition for receiving non-emergency aid

### **GRAND FINAL MOTION**

- This House would abolish the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty

Teams should arrive in Seoul prepared to debate both the Proposition and Opposition sides for each of the four preliminary round prepared motions.

The draw (listing which teams will be debating each other in each round, which teams will be in proposition and opposition for each debate, and the order in which the prepared motions will be debated) will only be released shortly before the start of the championship.

Whilst preparing for the debates, teams are strongly advised to read through the WSDC Guidelines on Defining Motions & Constructing Cases, which can be found at the 'Rules & Guides' section of the WSDC website ([www.schoolsdebate.com](http://www.schoolsdebate.com)).

### **OTHER ROUNDS**

- All teams involved in the championships will participate in eight preliminary round debates - four of which will be prepared debates on the motions listed above,\* and four of which will be impromptu debates for which the motions will be released only one hour in advance.
- The octo-finals, quarter-finals and semi-finals will also be impromptu debates.

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- For impromptu rounds, the team members will be kept in preparation rooms during the hour running up to the debate, and will not be allowed to consult with their coaches during that hour. Under the WSDC Rules, teams may not bring any published or handwritten materials into their preparation rooms for impromptu debates, except for one English Language dictionary, one bilingual dictionary, and one single-volume encyclopedia or almanac. They are also not allowed to bring in any devices that are potentially capable of accessing information from outside the *preparation room, such as mobile phones, laptop computers, pagers, PDAs, BlackBerries, etc.*

Motions for all rounds of the competition are selected by the Motions Selection Committee, which consists of five members elected by the World Schools Debating Council and two members selected by the host organizing committee. For 2007, the members of the Motions Selection Committee are:

(\* Note: If the total number of participating teams is an odd number, one team will sit out each preliminary round and instead participate in a 'bye-round', so four teams will debate only three of the prepared motions if that is the case.)

Mark Gabriel (Singapore), Andrea Coomber (Australia), Albert Fornis (Greece), Noel McGrath (Ireland), Christopher Bishop (New Zealand), Jumin Lee (South Korea) and Joshua Park (South Korea).

If you have any questions regarding the rules or format for debates at the championships, please feel free to e-mail me for clarification.

Best of luck with your team's preparations for the competition.

Regards,

Mark Gabriel

Chair, WSDC 2007 Motions Selection Committee