

DEBATE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE

Role Description

Number of positions available: 6 to 10

Experience level: Previous debate competition experience required

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About JDC West

JDC West is the most prestigious undergraduate business competition in Western Canada, hosting 1,300 attendees and uniting over 600 delegates from twelve premier post-secondary institutions each year. Over the course of three days, students from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba showcase their skills in the academic, athletic, debate, and challenge aspects of the competition. JDC West would not be possible without the support of over 200 volunteers and dozens of professional partners who bring this elaborate and multi-faceted competition to life.

Many volunteer opportunities are available to be a part of the competition. Volunteers must act impartial to any of the twelve competing teams. You may be ineligible to volunteer for certain positions if you are affiliated with any of the competing teams, such as, but not limited to: judging and/or coaching of the competitors; volunteering, attending, and/or donating to the team's charity causes; volunteering for Chillin' for Charity; being part of the executive team; participating or facilitating any of the programming offered by the competing teams; and more.

Position Responsibilities:

- Become and be fully familiar with the structure and rules of JDC Debate
- Govern debate rules for delegates and judges
- Open the floor and dictate debate resolution
- Monitor the time and at specific time intervals provide hand gestures to signify remaining time left
- Reasonably stop timers at applicable points of interest
- Stop competing teams from presenting and judges from asking questions after respective times have been exhausted
- Facilitate the process of feedback with judges upon close of the debate

Position Requirements:

- Previous experience with or knowledge of debate is required
- Strong communication and organizational skills
- Ability to provide effective time signals
- Ability to multi-task to ensure the appropriate structure of debate while providing time signals

Volunteer Expectations:

Volunteers are expected to meet all of the following requirements:

1. Attend at least one training session; as well as any portfolio-specific training sessions.
2. Reply to emails and other methods of communication on a timely basis.
3. Be available for at least one 4–6-hour shift. Priority will be given to applicants who are available to volunteer multiple shifts/days.

