



Winter Holidays Open

December 13th to 15th
2019





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The Tournament

Join us at Europe's biggest World Schools debate tournament.

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Train for WHO

Register beginner debaters for training sessions.

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A WORD FROM THE ORGANIZERS



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Dear members of the international debate community,

Croatian Debate Society would like to invite you to the 7th edition of Winter Holidays Open, our yearly international World Schools tournament for high school students. The tournament will be held from 13th to 15th of December 2019. The tournament welcomes around 90 teams in Zagreb each year, with debaters and adjudicators from 28 nations – Australia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, India, Jordan, Lebanon, Moldova, Mongolia, The Netherlands, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Tanzania, Tunisia, Turkey, UAE and USA joining us so far.

Apart from a chance for students to meet debaters and compete against teams from all over the globe and for adjudicators to hone their skills, the tournament is an excellent opportunity to visit Croatia during Advent in Zagreb, the city's most beloved event featuring Christmas markets, concerts, art shows, great streetfood and limitless holiday cheer. Winter Holidays Open is a tournament with tradition and organized by debate enthusiasts who'd be happy to make your delegation feel at home in Zagreb. We have extensive experience in organizing international events and will do our very best to make your participation worth it. This letter is here to provide you with information essential for our participants. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us - we're here to help.

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WHO 2019 organizers



THE TOURNAMENT

Join us for a 3 day World Schools debate tournament for secondary level students.



The tournament features 6 power paired preliminary rounds, quarterfinals, semifinals and the Grand Final.

In 2017 we introduced the Novice Break, an opportunity for novice teams to experience the excitement of elimination rounds. All teams at the tournament can face each other during the 6 preliminary rounds, after which there's separate breaks with best 16 non-novice teams advancing to Open Break and 4 best Novice teams advancing to Novice Break. Applying for novice team status is possible if all team members have under 2 years of debating experience and are not native English speakers.

The 8 best non-novice and 4 novice teams coming out of the preliminary rounds will advance to separate elimination rounds (Octos, Quarters, Semis and Grand Final for non-novice teams, Semis and Final for novice teams). Round 1 is seeded randomly; subsequent rounds are power paired. The preliminary rounds will feature 2 impromptu and 2 prepared motions (each team will debate the proposing side in one and the opposing side in the following round or vice versa). There will be a third prepared motion for the Grand Final. One of the prepared motions from preliminary rounds will be used for the Novice Final.

Prepared motions will be announced by the end of October. Make sure your debaters are following us on Facebook as we'll be putting a list of motions to vote on in early October. The vote stays open for 48 hours.



REGISTRATION

Registration opens on September 1st and closes on October 20th.

December is high season in Zagreb. Due to high demand single rooms are subject to availability, so the ones we have at our disposal will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. Additionally, we are not able to guarantee accommodation for additional delegation members or teams seeking to register after the deadline. Please keep this in mind and register your delegation in time.

Registered teams can consist of three to five members. Every participating delegation is required to assign a

delegation leader, either an adjudicator or an observer, responsible for all communication with WHO organizers. All delegation leaders and adjudicators have to be at least 18 years old and have to have graduated from

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high school by December 13th.

Persons eligible to register as adjudicators for WHO 2019 are those with previous judging or relevant debating WS experience who graduated from secondary school on or before

December 13th, 2019. Non-judging adult delegation members can register as observers. We are observing the N-1 rule, which means every participating delegation is required to register at least one judge less than the number of teams they're registering (i.e. 1 team/1 judge or observer, 2 teams/ 1 judge, 3 teams/ 2 judges, etc.)

If you're having trouble finding an adult to accompany you or adjudicate for your team, please contact the organisers and we'll try to find a solution. If an adjudicator cannot be provided, the teams will have to pay an additional fee of 70 € to cover for an extra judge.



ADJUDICATORS AT WHO

Persons registered as adjudicators for WHO 2019 are those with previous judging or relevant debating WS experience who graduated from secondary school on or before December 13th, 2019. All persons registered as adjudicators are required to submit their previous judging experience during the registration process.

TRAIN FOR WHO

Train for WHO are our yearly training sessions taking place from Tuesday to Thursday (December 10th to 12th) before the tournament starts. Registered debaters will be working with experienced coaches in order to develop their skills. Registration is open for debaters with under 2 years of debating experience. Additional fee of 75€ per per debater applies. The costs of extra nights of accommodation depend on the accommodation (hostel/ 3 star hotel/ 4 star hotel) and are listed above.

SELECTION KEY

Our team cap for 2019 is 86 teams. In case more than 86 teams apply we'll implement the following procedure:

All teams registered under a delegation will be ranked according to the order of registration (Team A, Team B, Team C, etc.) A teams from all delegations are registered first, followed by B teams, C teams and so on until we reach the cap. In the event that there are more registered teams applied than we can reasonably accommodate, remaining spots will be given on a first register, first serve basis.

PAYMENT DEADLINE

Teams will be required to pay registration fees in full by November 1st. Payment instructions will be sent to heads of delegations with the invoice. 50% of the fee will be refundable up to November 20th. Please note that delegations are expected to cover any transaction charges which may apply when they make the payment to WHO 2019.

Please make sure payments are made in time in order for us to be able to guarantee your delegation's spot at the tournament.

ADVENT IN ZAGREB

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Winter Holidays Open conveniently happens during Advent in Zagreb, the city's most beloved event. For the entire month of December Zagreb is covered in fairy lights and holiday food stands, with tourists and locals enjoying the concerts and art shows on offer. Combined with the Christmas markets voted best in Europe for three years in a row, December in Zagreb is a truly magical season and the perfect opportunity to visit the city.

You can explore the city on your own or rely on our volunteers to help you. If you're interested in a volunteer accompanying your delegation while discovering the Advent on Friday night after the tournament, please notify us during the registration process. Otherwise, we recommend consulting the Advent in Zagreb official webpage for a full list of Advent-related events and locations around town.



Develop your skills at Train for WHO

ACCOMMODATION & FEES

Choose from different accommodation options for your delegation.

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There are several different options for our participants as far as WHO accommodation and fees are concerned. Delegations can choose between hostel, 3* and 4* hotel and organizing their own accommodation. All options are subject to availability. If you want to extend your stay, you'll be able to book extra nights before and/or after the tournament once registration begins.

Participation fees cover all costs of accommodation and meals for the duration of the tournament. Breakfast on the 14th and 15th are included in the fee and served at the hotels/ hostels. If you book extra nights, breakfast is included in the fee as well.

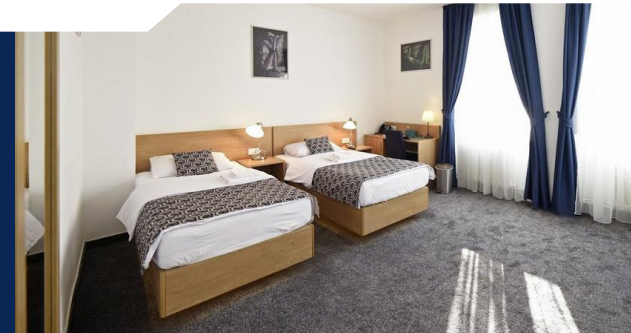
Lunch and dinner will be provided at the tournament, and are included in the fee (dinner on the 13th, lunch and dinner on the 14th and lunch on the 15th) for everyone participating or observing.

Our advice to delegations opting for own accommodation should make reservations as soon as possible as Zagreb is usually booked to full capacity during Advent weekends.



Hostel accommodation

Debaters and independent adjudicators: 95 €
Adjudicators: 80 €
Observers: 115 €
ADDITIONAL COSTS HOSTEL ACCOMODATION (OPTIONAL):
Extra night: 25 € (per night)
Single room (subject to availability): 15€ per night



Hotel accommodation (3*)

Debaters and independent adjudicators 155 €
Adjudicators 130 €
Observers 185 €
ADDITIONAL COSTS HOTEL ACCOMODATION (OPTIONAL)
Extra night 45 € (per night)
Single room (subject to availability) 35€ per night



Hotel accommodation (4*)

Debaters and independent adjudicators 195 €
Adjudicators 170 €
Observers 220 €
ADDITIONAL COSTS HOTEL ACCOMODATION (OPTIONAL)
Extra night 65 € (per night)
Single room (subject to availability) 55€ per night

Own accommodation

Debaters and independent adjudicators 65 €
Adjudicators 55 €
Observers 75 €

WHO participants are welcome to organize their own accommodation for the duration of the tournament . However, if you intend to do so, please make sure you book your accommodation as soon as possible. Advent is a popular event and it's best to look for accommodation months in advance.



BEHIND THE SCENES

WHO archive



Winter Holidays open is organized by Croatian Debate Society, an organization dedicated to providing access to competitive debating for primary and secondary level students, as well as introducing teachers and coaches to debate methodology that can be used across curricula and in non-formal education.

Established in 1998, the organization has considerable experience in developing materials, training coaches, adjudicators and debaters, and organizing large-scale national and international events. Since the organization was founded, over ten thousand participants took part in our workshops, tournaments and summer schools.

We first organized Winter Holidays Open in 2013. What started as a small tournament with 30-odd teams soon became the largest competitive event for secondary level students in Europe. We believe this was achieved because of three major factors.

WHO is organized by an experienced team

The first is an organizational team with extensive experience dedicated to making your participation at our tournament as hassle-free and enjoyable as possible. The second is our incomparable pool of volunteers who are there every year to make our delegations feel at home. Lastly, we have the pleasure of organizing the event during Advent in Zagreb, the most exciting time of the year in our capital.

In 2018 we organized World Schools Debating Championship, a global competition that brought together delegation from 65 nations. The event welcomed 650 participants and was the biggest of its kind to date. Our entire WHO 2019 team was involved in making the 11-day event happen and gained invaluable experience we are already incorporating into our 2019 organizational efforts.

Preparations for the tournament begin in May and last all the way into December. Along the way, numerous hours of work are invested into making Winter Holidays Open an educational, competitive and fun event for everyone involved. Please check our web and Facebook pages for updates and feel free to contact us - we'd be happy to help.





TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY - 13.12.2019.

14:00 WHO 2019 Arrival to venue

Rounds 1 & 2

20:00 Dinner

21:00 Advent in Zagreb

SATURDAY - 14.12.2019.

08:30 Arrival to venue

Rounds 3 & 4

14:00 Lunch

Rounds 5 & 6

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Country Expo & Break Announcement

SUNDAY - 15.12.2019.

09:00 Elimination rounds

16:30 Grand Final

17:30 Closing Ceremony

Thank you for your attention.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns.

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