

Concours **VISEZ DROIT**



DEBATING COMPETITION *Edition 2025*

THEME: Dismantling the temporary encampments of people experiencing homelessness, namely in light of the Quebec Charter: for or against?



REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 14, 2025, 5 P.M.

Deadline for submitting the names of participants is March 3, 2025, 5 p.m.

Semi-finals and final: March 20, 2025, 2 p.m. at the Court of Appeal of Quebec

RULES/REGISTRATION

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YOU COULD WIN

- › \$500 and *Antidote+ Personal* to each member of the winning team
- › \$250 and *Antidote+ Personal* to each member of the runner-up team
- › \$150 and the *Grand Druide des synonymes et des antonymes* to the two best speakers who are not in the final



INFORMATION

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**June 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the adoption of Quebec's Charter of Human Rights and Freedoms.*

RULES OF THE CONTEST

Purpose of the Debating Competition

To encourage Francophone and Anglophone College (CEGEP) students of the Montreal District to publicly debate a position on controversial and legal issues.

Registration deadline

Wednesday, February 14, 2025, at 5 p.m.

Limited number of registrations

The number of registrations will be limited to ten (10) CEGEPs, determined by the order of receipt of the registration form. If the limit of 10 CEGEPs is not reached by the registration deadline, the Barreau de Montréal reserves the right to allow the participation of CEGEPs located outside the Island of Montreal.

Schedule of Competition

The contest is divided into three parts:

- Internal qualifications in each participating CEGEP.
- Semi-finals between the selected teams from each participating CEGEP **on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 2 p.m.**, at the Court of Appeal of Quebec.
- Final between the two teams who accumulated the most points in the semi-finals, followed by the award ceremony, **on Thursday, March 20, 2025, at 6 p.m.**, at the Court of Appeal of Quebec.

1. Internal qualifications

- 1.1 Each CEGEP must choose a team of two students, who are registered full time, to represent their CEGEP during the semi-finals, and possibly, the final.
- 1.2 All participating CEGEPs must transmit the registration form to the Barreau de Montréal, by 5 p.m., February 14, 2025.
- 1.3 All participating CEGEPs must transmit the names of the participants to the Barreau de Montréal, by 5 p.m., March 3, 2025.
 - The name of the participants; and
 - The consent form respecting personal information and the photo, audio and video capture signed by the participants.

2. Semi-finals

- 2.1 The choice of the teams which will be competing against each other and their respective position in the debate will be determined by a draw. If an odd number of teams participate in the debating competition, a draw will determine which team will debate twice. However, only the first debate will be taken into consideration to determine the teams who will be selected for the final.
- 2.2 Each participant, starting with the two members of the **“for”** team, has a period of four (4) consecutive minutes to present their arguments. The statements must be complementary and not repetitive.
- 2.3 Once the statements of both teams are finished, a period of five (5) minutes is granted to the **“for”** team in order to reply to the statements of the **“against”** team. Then, a period of five (5) minutes is granted to the **“against”**

team in order to reply to the statements of the **“for”** team. The distribution of time between team members remains at their discretion.

- 2.4 Once each team has completed its reply, a period will be allocated during which each team will alternatively ask two (2) questions to the opposing team. The opposing team will have one (1) minute to answer each question.
- 2.5 Once this period of questions is completed and in the event that the maximum period of thirty-five (35) minutes for the whole debate has not expired, the Chairperson of the debate may allow the jury to ask a few concise questions to either team, who will reply briefly.
- 2.6 Once all participating teams have been heard, the Chairperson of the debate thanks the participants and invites the members of the jury to deliberate. During the deliberation, the members of the jury add up the points obtained by each team, according to the criteria described below.
- 2.7 The jury retires for deliberation to thus determine which two CEGEPs will debate during the final. The Chairperson of the jury announces the name of the teams who will meet during the final.
- 2.8 The decision of the jury is final, irrevocable and without appeal.

3. Final

- 3.1 During the final, the contest structure is identical to the semi-finals except that the maximum period for the whole debate can extend beyond thirty-five (35) minutes.
- 3.2 Just like the semi-finals, the decision of the jury is final, irrevocable and without appeal.

Evaluation criteria

On the content:

- Respect of the given subject;
- Development of ideas (documented and researched interventions);
- Originality (way of dealing with subject, imagination or subtlety);
- Logic (constancy in argumentation, absence of contradictory elements).

On the structure:

- Punctuality (respect of time given);
- Cleanliness / posture (general appearance);
- Ease / personality / charisma (easiness in communicating);
- Vocabulary (quality of language);
- Oral expression (general character of presentation, subjective appreciation).

Prizes and rewards

- All participants will receive a certificate of participation signed by the Bâtonnier of the Barreau de Montréal.
- Each member of the winning team will receive \$500 from the Barreau de Montréal, as well as Antidote+ Personal, the writing assistance software suite from Druide informatique.
- Each member of the runner-up team will receive \$250 from the

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- The two best speakers who are not in the final will each receive \$150 from the Barreau de Montréal. These speakers must attend the final to receive their prize. Otherwise, the prizes will be given to the speakers in 3rd and/or in 4th place if they are present.
- A photo of the winners, finalists and best speakers as well as the members of the jury for the semi-finals and finals of the contest will be published on the Barreau de Montréal website along with a caption showing the name of the people in the photo.

Personal information

The Barreau de Montréal collects personal information about participants and the people in charge through the registration and consent form. The personal information that is gathered will only be used for the purpose of managing and promoting the contest, in accordance with the Barreau de Montréal's Policy respecting the protection of personal information.

(<https://www.barreaudemontreal.qc.ca/sites/default/files/politique-protection-renseignements-personnels.pdf>)

Unless participants have completed and signed the consent form and as provided in it, all personal information allowing participants to be identified will be destroyed within three (3) months following the award ceremony.

No commercial or other communication unrelated to this contest will be sent to participants or the people in charge unless they have agreed to it.

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Registration form

Return by Email (concours@barreaudemontreal.qc.ca) on or before February 14, 2025, 5 p.m.

CEGEP	
CEGEP name:	_____
Contact name:	_____
Telephone:	_____ Fax: _____
Email:	_____
Signature of the contact	
Signed on:	_____
Signature	_____