



**ETHICS  
BOWL CANADA**

Creating community through critical conversations



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## 2023 Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl!

Join the ethics bowl, a new and exciting initiative for high school students!

How?

1. Form a team (teacher-coach + 5-7 students).
2. Send registration to [pf.noppen@usask.ca](mailto:pf.noppen@usask.ca) (registration form at the back).
3. Attend information session with organizers (dates to be determined).
4. Train (a complete training package will be sent when you register).
5. Compete (Saskatoon campus of the University of Saskatchewan, **March 4, 2023**).
6. The winners will be sponsored to go to the nationals in Winnipeg (Museum for Human Rights, April 28-30, 2023).

### What is an Ethics Bowl?

An ethics bowl is a competition that promotes a high level of collaboration between students across team lines. Teams of students examine and discuss ethical issues. They imagine, compare and criticize argumentative strategies. They pose and respond to probing questions. This process results in a deeper sense of what the stakes of the discussion are and of what principles underly each point of view. An Ethics Bowl differs from a debate in two main ways. First, students get to determine what the most compelling position on a given issue is and to articulate that position. Second, as matches unfold students are encouraged to refine and even to amend their original positions when faced with convincing arguments. This allows them to explore difficult ideas in a collegial and collaborative atmosphere conducive to creative thinking and truth-seeking.

Teams are formed of up to seven students. To prepare for the competition, schools receive a set of cases that focus on current affairs—social, political, economic, scientific, cultural, or beyond. Recent topics include online shopping, sexting, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), worker shortage and the CERB, artificial intelligence, gene editing. Students research and develop the cases in preparation for the competition. Their training also involves getting ready to listen actively to other perspectives. All teams participate in several matches, and winning teams move to the semi-finals and the final. Students are evaluated on the following skills:

- communication
- use of relevant information
- critical thinking
- original thinking
- intellectual improvisation
- collaboration

For more info, consult: [ethicsbowl.ca](http://ethicsbowl.ca)

Please direct questions and inquiries to Pierre-François Noppen: [pf.noppen@usask.ca](mailto:pf.noppen@usask.ca)

# 2023 SHSEB Registration form

Please note:

- Registration is open until December 16, 2022.
- Participation to the Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan is free (March 4, 2023).
- The winner of the Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl will be sponsored to travel to the Canadian High School Ethics Bowl in Winnipeg (April 28-30, 2023).

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: (maximum 7)

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Return registration form to Pierre-Francois Noppen (pf.noppen@usask.ca)