



**ETHICS  
BOWL CANADA**

Creating community through critical conversations



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## Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl!

After a spectacular second-place finish at the National Ethics Bowl for our first Saskatchewan team to attend, the Department of Philosophy is excited to host the second annual Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl.

Join the ethics bowl!

How?

1. Form a team (Up to 7 students + teacher).
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 for students and teachers will be sent when you register).
5. Compete (**Usask, March 4, 2023**).

Winners will be sponsored to travel to Winnipeg for the nationals (Museum for Human Rights, April 28-30).

### What is an Ethics Bowl?

An ethics bowl is a competition that promotes a high level of collaboration between students. It provides them with the opportunity to discuss timely ethical issues and to develop their critical thinking skills in a collegial environment. An ethics bowl differs from a debate in two main ways. First, students decide what the most compelling position is and argue that position. Second, as matches unfold, they are rewarded for refining, and even amending, their initial position when faced with convincing arguments.

Teams are formed of up to seven students. To prepare for the Saskatchewan regionals, teams receive a set of cases that focus on current affairs. Recent topics include online shopping, gene editing, sexting, drug consumption and responsibility, Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD), worker shortage and the CERB, territorial acknowledgements, laws surrounding warfare. Training involves researching cases, working out sophisticated argumentative strategies, and actively listening to and registering other perspectives. All teams participate in several matches, and leading teams move to the final round. Students are evaluated on the following skills:

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

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# 2023 SHSEB Registration form

Please note:

- Registration is open until February 3, 2022.
- Participation to the Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl on the campus of the University of Saskatchewan is free (March 4, 2023).
- The winners 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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3. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_

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