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Memorandum (September 17th, 2021)

To all members of our community,

I would like to extend my sincere welcome to everyone, as we face another interesting and challenging year ahead for our organization. As I noted during the AGM, I was blown away by the commitment and dedication of this community and all the milestone achievements of the past season. Our programs will still require modifications as we navigate the complex world we live in today. I am confident that we will continue to build on our expertise from the previous year and provide a rich and engaging experience for all of our students this year. With this in mind, here are some updates and guidelines for the upcoming season.

Online Competition

ADSA events for the 2021-22 season will continue to be hosted online until it is evident that the majority of students, parents and coaches are available to attend in-person events safely. Please see, *ADSA Online Competition Guidelines for 2020-21 Calendar Year*, for more details.

Grandfathering of Bylaw 3, 8.4

Further to the AGM, the following bylaw is now in effect:

“Students registered at a school that holds a school-based or school-affiliated institutional membership must hold individual membership with their schools or school-affiliated institutional member, unless students' registration cannot be accommodated by the school-based or school affiliated institutional member.”

However, recognizing that some students have debated with other teams in previous years, an exemption will be applied to those students in their graduating years (Grade 9 and Grade 12). The rule should be enforced to all students entering a new school (Grade 7 and Grade 10).

Call for VP Debate

As of June 2021, the ADSA's Vice-president Debate position is now vacant. Any members of the community who are interested in filling this very important role for the rest of this year are asked to contact the ADSA. Without a VP Debate, the Board will face additional challenges in delivering prompt responses to issues that arise.

All Rookie Debate Workshop

We are once again hosting an online debate workshop for all rookies throughout the province. Please see the invitation for more details.

Jason Hong

ASDA President