

Worlds Committee 2021-2022

Each year members of the Canadian Debate Community are invited to apply to the CSDF Board if they wish to be involved with Team Canada. From the applications received 5 are chosen to work with the team and oversee the coaching being provided by our two co-coaches.

This year our committee members are:

Joshua Judah - Chair

Frankie Cena - Worlds Officer

Jason Hong

Dena Tabyanian

Alexander Beaumont

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Team Canada Co-Coaches are:

Brent Schmidt

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Team Canada Newsletter

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The 2020-21 year began successfully for Team Canada, with the summer training camp led by co-coaches Jason Xiao and Brent Schmidt. The development team was split into three teams to represent Canada at the EurOpen championships in Germany. All three teams were successful, with one team in the quarterfinals, one in the semifinals, and one team winning the championship. Four of our speakers also placed in the top ten individual speakers at the tournament.

After this tournament, Team Canada chose its 5 speakers and 3 alternates. The team was composed of Angie Lei, Gaby Lin, Isaac Cape, Matthew Anzarouth, and Vincent Gao, with alternates Sarena McKellar, Emily Ni, and Randy Chang. Team Canada then competed at the Harvard World Schools tournament, where they placed second overall.

Team Canada won the 2021 Online WSDC Championship, successfully defending the title 2 years in a row to record the 4th ever win by Team Canada. The online WSDC was the largest WSDC with 74 nations attending, and Team Canada had to face off against many excellent teams before competing against Team Hong Kong in the Grand Finals, where they emerged victorious on an 8-1 decision. Additionally, Matthew was the second-ranked speaker overall.

Team Canada coach Jason Xiao ended his three-year term as coach after leading the team to a 2nd place finish in 2019 and Championship wins in 2020 and 2021. Thank you very much Jason for your outstanding work and the incredible results that have been achieved.

After interviewing many strong candidates, Arsalan Ghaemi will be joining Brent Schmidt as co-coaches for Team Canada 2022. They are now training the team, which is preparing for the upcoming EurOpen Championships and other online tournaments before defending their 2-time world champion title at WSDC 2022.