



**ETHICS
BOWL CANADA**

Creating community through critical conversations



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Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl

The Department of Philosophy is proud to host the third Saskatchewan High School Ethics Bowl. All high schools in Saskatchewan are invited to register for the competition.

What is an ethics bowl?

An ethics bowl is a competition that promotes a high level of collaboration. Students discuss timely ethical issues and sharpen their critical thinking skills in a friendly environment. An ethics bowl differs from a debate in two ways. First, students determine 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 three 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. The following skills are evaluated:

- communication
- use of relevant information
- critical thinking
- original thinking
- active listening
- **collaboration**

How to join?

1. Form a team (3 to 7 students + teacher).
2. Send registration to pf.noppen@usask.ca (registration form at the back).
3. Get your complete training package.
4. You will have the option to meet with one of the organizers (in-person/Zoom).
5. Prepare your team.
6. Compete (**USask, March 2, 2024**).

The Saskatchewan Ethics Bowl is also a qualifying event for the national competition in late April 2024.

For more information, contact P.-F. Noppen: pf.noppen@usask.ca

2024 SHSEB Registration form

Notes:

- Registration for the 2024 SHSEB is **free**.
- Registration is open until Dec. 15, 2023.

School: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

Email: _____

Students: (3 to 7)

1. _____

5. _____

2. _____

6. _____

3. _____

7. _____

4. _____

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