







Clubs: Student Package



Everything you need to know
about starting an OEB club at
your school!



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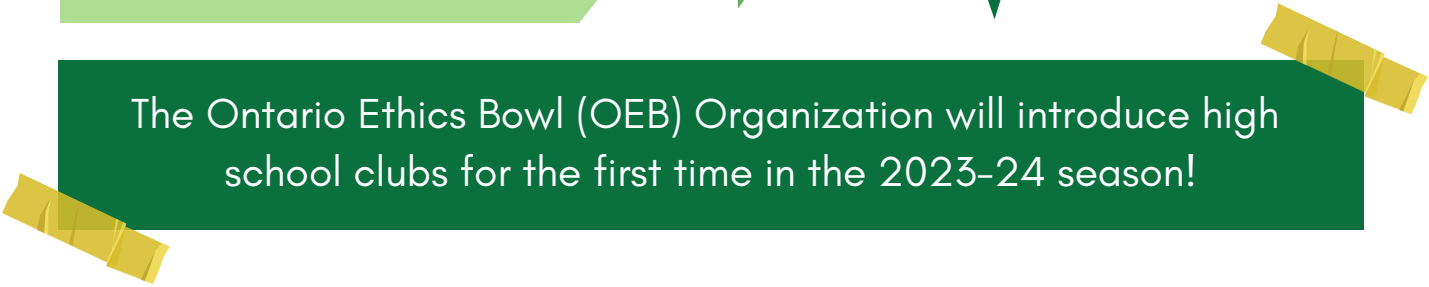
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Introduction




The Ontario Ethics Bowl (OEB) Organization will introduce high school clubs for the first time in the 2023-24 season!



In OEB clubs, enthusiastic students with a common interest in collaborative problem solving can voluntarily meet to discuss various ethical topics and global issues.

High school teams who choose to create a club will gain access to club-only activities that will help in preparation for the Ethics Bowl competition. Especially for new students in grades 9 or 10, clubs will also provide an opportunity to form bonds, become acquainted with the OEB system, and be mentored by older peers.



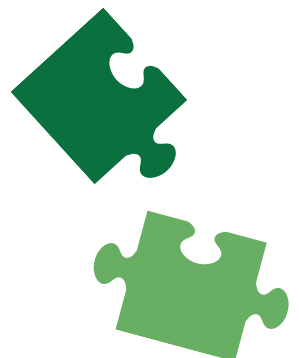
Creating a club is also a great way to enrich the OEB experience and continue to build on the skills that the competition fosters like critical thinking and oral communication. Clubs are inclusive and not limited to students on an OEB team—it's an opportunity for your whole school! This is a chance to bring together a diverse group of students who are eager to share their perspectives on current issues through an ethical lens in a thoughtful, open-minded, and collaborative environment. Discussion topics are not limited to the OEB cases, and exploration of new topics that students may be passionate about is encouraged!

Getting Started



Now that you understand (some of) the reasons to join a club, the question remains: **what do you have to do?**

The requirements for clubs to be recognized and benefit from our club-specific activities are as follows:





1. Membership:

One of the advantages of a club is that it will help facilitate an exciting, but at times underutilized, opportunity within the Ethics Bowl: mentorship. For that reason clubs must be composed of at least 4 students, one of whom must be in Grade 9 or 10.

2. Leadership:

To help your club stay organized, you must have a teacher-supervisor and appoint a student president.

3. Communication:




Clubs must set up a club gmail account to communicate with the OEB. Please note: the club's gmail account must be different from any team's gmail account. The recommended email format is school.oebclub@gmail.com.

4. Socialization:

To help you advertise your club, stay up-to-date on club activities, and be a part of the Ethics Bowl community, a club must create an Instagram account. The recommended Instagram format is @school_OEBclub

5. Constitution:

Each club must make a copy of the following constitution and complete it.



Once all the requirements are complete, your club is ready to get started! To have your club recognized by the Ontario Ethics Bowl you must:

1. Use your club gmail account to email the Director of Teams, Jess Strachan, at: engagement@ontarioethicsbowl.ca
2. The email should include:
 - a. The school you are from
 - b. The name of your president and teacher-supervisor
 - c. Confirmation that you have at least one student who is in either Grade 9 or 10
- a. A list of your club's founding members
- b. Your club's Instagram handle
- c. Your completed constitution in pdf form



***Please Note*:** We highly encourage and recommend that each club follow the club registration process as laid out by their individual school boards. Doing so is not, however, necessary to be recognized as a club by the Ontario Ethics Bowl.

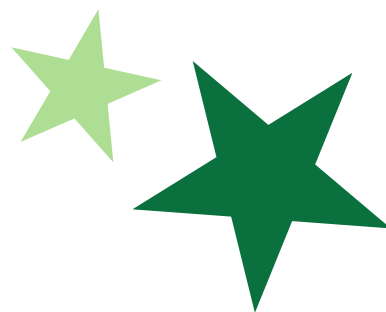
Once you have completed all necessary steps you will receive written confirmation that the OEB officially recognizes your club. Upon receiving this recognition, you will gain automatic access to the following club-only activities:

Club-only Activities

1 Workshops and Learning Opportunities

Workshops and presentations provide members of Ethics Bowl clubs with the opportunity to expand upon, and enhance, their entire OEB experience! Meetings will be virtual, with access links and codes available to all Ethics Bowl club members. Any and all resources used in these meetings will also be made available afterwards to Ethics Bowl club members who could not attend.

Crash Course: Rubric



Who: This presentation will be open to all members of Ontario Ethics Bowl clubs and will be hosted by the Ontario Ethics Bowl student resources department.

What: This crash course on the rubric will be a presentation on the ins-and-outs of Ethics Bowl scoring.

Where: This meeting will take place virtually over Zoom. A link will be shared with all clubs at least 24 hours prior to the event.

When: This event will take place on November 17th, and will last approximately one hour.

Why: The Crash Course: Rubric is the perfect opportunity to gain a better understanding of Ethics Bowl scoring and what makes a successful match. Participants will acquire valuable insight into the technicalities of scoring.



Bowling in a Different Lane: Real World Applications of the Ethics Bowl Debate Format

Who: This presentation will be open to all members of Ontario Ethics Bowl clubs and will be hosted by Ontario Ethics Bowl representatives.

What: This workshop will explore the applications of the Ethics Bowl debate model, and answer the all-important question: why is it worth your time to learn this form of argumentation?

Where: This meeting will take place virtually over Zoom. A link will be shared with all clubs at least 24 hours prior to the event.

When: This event will take place in early January, (final date to be announced), and will last approximately one hour.

Why: Bowling in a Different Lane is a great opportunity for Ethics Bowl club members to expand their capabilities by learning how to take the skills they have gained in Ethics Bowl and apply them in different circumstances.

Alumni Experiences



Who: This meeting will be hosted by Ethics Bowl alumni (including provincial and national champions) and will be open to all members of Ontario Ethics Bowl clubs.

What: In this meeting Ethics Bowl alumni will give their tips and tricks for Ethics Bowl preparation. With topics like inter-team communication and workload management, advice will apply to Ethics Bowl matches and beyond.

Where: This meeting will take place virtually over Zoom. A link will be shared with all clubs at least 24 hours prior to the event.

When: This event will take place on October 29th, and will last approximately one hour.

Why: Alumni understand that the Ethics Bowl can sometimes be an overwhelming experience. This meeting is a great opportunity to get advice from alumni on how they managed Ethics Bowl and high school while enjoying themselves in the process.



Social Events



What: Want to meet people who are like-minded and committed to the Ethics Bowl while having fun? These social mixers offer the opportunity to be placed in groups with like-minded students all over the province!

Who: These social mixers are available to any student in a registered Ethics Bowl Club.

Why: This offers the opportunity for students to get to know like-minded students outside of the actual competition!

How: Once you register your club in the Ethics Bowl, you will receive a form where you will be able to register club members for the social mixer events.

Where: Once student information is received, you will be placed into a team and be contacted by your team leader.

When: Social Mixers will take place at your team leaders discretion.

3 Awards

Who: All Ontario Ethics Bowl clubs will be eligible to receive awards.

What: The following awards are available:

- **The Dedication Award**
 - Awarded to the club that participates in the most exhibition matches.
- **The Mentorship Award**
 - Awarded to the club with the highest number of Junior members (provided the club has at least one Senior member).
- **The Engagement Award**
 - Awarded to the club that is the most active and engaged on Instagram.
- **The Improvement Award**
 - Awarded to a club that is new to the Ethics Bowl and demonstrates high commitment levels as the season progresses.
- **The Academic Excellence Award**
 - Awarded to the club that has the most members write the Critical Thinking Competition.

When: Winners will be announced through the OEB Instagram in late January.

Why: The Ontario Ethics Bowl recognizes that there are many ways to be a great club beyond one of your team's winning the competition; these awards are the perfect opportunity for schools to receive formal acknowledgement for their hard work and success.



4 Interview with the President



Who: All Ontario Ethics Bowl clubs will be automatically eligible to receive an in-person meeting with Ontario Ethics Bowl director Jeffrey Senese.

What: Jeffrey will bring a camera crew to conduct a recorded, professional interview with the selected team.

Where: The meeting will take place in-person at the selected club's school.

When: The recipient school will be notified in December.

Why: A lot of amazing students and teams participate in the Ethics Bowl. This is a chance for your school, club, and team(s) to be featured on the Ontario Ethics Bowl's Instagram account.



5 Exhibition Feedback



Who: This opportunity will be available once to every team associated with an Ontario Ethics Bowl club.

What: In one exhibition match a team will have an Ethics Bowl representative with judge experience sit in and give written feedback.

Where: Exhibition feedback will occur in a predetermined exhibition match. Teams will coordinate with the Ontario Ethics Bowl to determine which exhibition match a representative will be sitting in on.

When: This will be available during one of a team's regular exhibition season matches.

Why: It can be hard to tell if you are on the right track, or if you have missed something in one of your presentations. Having a third party (who has judged before) review your work is the best way to up your game.

6 Meeting Guidance



Who: This opportunity will be available to every Ontario Ethics Bowl club.

What: An Ethics Bowl representative will virtually join one of your meetings to help guide and facilitate a productive conversation.

Where: Virtually using Zoom in one of your club meetings.

When: At a date to be determined by your club and an Ethics Bowl representative. The representative will reach out to schedule in late October.

Why: Ethics Bowl cases spark incredibly complicated discussions and it can be very easy for those conversations to become derailed. An Ethics Bowl representative can not only help you get one good conversation going, but can also give you the tools to have more productive conversations in the future.

Conclusion



Creating an OEB club for your school is a great way to enrich your Ethics Bowl experience! Making a club will not only allow you to gain more experience and build skills that will strengthen your team for the competition, but it will also help you connect with peers who are interested in the same issues.

Review the requirements needed for a club, and refer to the constitution when getting started. Please direct any questions about clubs to Jess Strachan at engagement@ontarioethicsbowl.ca.