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2022 House Olympics

House Olympics is a competition where student houses compete in a series of challenges to win the grand prize of \$7000. Western Undergraduate Students will vote weekly to choose their favourite teams to move forward until we have two teams standing for the finale. This USC program began last year to inspire students to create and participate in content that could be created in their own home. This competition is for students to engage with their campus community from home and most importantly, to have fun.

Key Changes

House Olympics debuted last year and the USC gathered feedback from students, teams, and former organizers. Below are a few key changes to keep in mind so expectations are clear! If you have any feedback or ideas for this program we would love to hear from you too at houseolympics@westernusc.ca.

Voting System: Voting will now take place on a secure voting site for each round of the competition instead of on Instagram polls. **The voting system is only open to undergraduate students at Western because of the software we have access to, which is funded by a portion of fees undergraduate students pay to the USC.** The USC strives to create programming that is as inclusive and accessible as possible, but we have to balance that with the security of our program to ensure a fair voting process.

Eligibility: All Western students are eligible to participate as part of a house team, but only Western undergraduate students (including Ivey, Law, Education, Medicine, and Dentistry) are eligible to vote weekly. If you are a Masters or PhD student, you can still compete and/or show your support by promoting your favourite teams on social media, and encouraging your undergraduate friends to get their votes in! *See House Olympics Rules for more information on eligibility regarding USC Elections.*

A New Qualifying Round: This year, we are introducing a qualifying round where students will get to choose the top 16 teams. We want students to have the opportunity to choose the top 16, so they will be able to vote on the original TikTok submissions selected by the organizing team to compete in the qualifying round.

Timeline and Rules: House Olympics will now overlap with the USC Elections Season in the second half of the competition. The main rule break we are concerned with is with the USC Election. It is absolutely imperative that no House Olympics Team's content



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involve any form of candidate endorsement. The USC cannot share that content on the main page and the team will be at risk of immediate disqualification if this happens. The USC must maintain neutrality in the elections process and any programming or content we run must stay the same. If a team member decides to run in a USC election, that will not disqualify their team, but the candidate must leave their team and their House Olympics content cannot include the candidate or their campaign materials.