



The 2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5&6

Entry Conditions

- The Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5&6 is open to all NSW government primary schools.
- Schools may enter up to two teams in the competition.
- The entry fee for the Premier's Debating Challenge is \$60.00 per team. Cheques should be made payable to the "NSW Department of Education & Training"
- The Entry Form/Tax Invoice must be submitted before **Monday 2 March 2009**. Schools should fax the Entry Form as soon as possible to register their entry and then post the original with payment.

Prizes

- All students involved will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation.
- Certificates will also be awarded to the teams who win their Zone.
- Medallions will be awarded to the team members of teams who reach the State Final.
- The Hunter Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the Champions. In 2008, the Hunter Challenge Trophy was won by Woollahra Public School.

Competition Rules

- The Premier's Debating Challenge involves one hour preparation debates. Teams will not know the topic or the side they are on until one hour prior to the start of the debate.
- The one hour preparation time will be unassisted. Teachers will not be allowed into the preparation room for any part of the hour.
- Where a school enters two teams, they will be designated Team A and Team B.
- Different students can make up a team for different debates, but no student may appear for both Team A and Team B. Once a student has appeared for Team A, they may not appear for Team B at any stage of the competition, and vice versa.
- Teams consist of four students with one acting as the team's adviser in the preparation room and during the debate.
- Team members should dress appropriately and display good manners. Under no circumstances are debaters to interject during the debate or question the adjudicator while the adjudication is being delivered. Necessary conversation during a debate must be conducted quietly.

Organisation

- The Premier's Debating Challenge is conducted by School Regions. A Regional Debating Coordinator will be responsible for the conduct of the competition up to and including the Regional Final.
- The State Debating and Public Speaking Coordinator will be responsible for the conduct of the competition from Regional level up to the State Final.
- Teams entering into the Premier's Debating Challenge are organised into Zones of four or more. The teams in a Zone debate each other in a round-robin competition to decide the Zone Winner.
- Where a school enters two teams, they will be placed in the same Zone.
- Zone debates are organised by the schools involved. The home school will be listed on the draw, and that school will contact their opponent and the adjudicator to arrange a suitable time and date for the debate.
- Zone Winners then proceed to a knock-out stage of the competition until a Regional Winner has been determined.
- The ten Regional Winners attend a three day camp at Stanwell Tops Conference Centre from 8-11 November, and compete in a series of debates to decide the State Champion. (Schools involved at this stage should be aware that they will incur travel and accommodation costs).

Adjudication

- In Sydney Metropolitan Regions, the Regional Coordinators will appoint experienced adjudicators from a list provided by the State Coordinator. These adjudicators appear on the draw and oversee an entire Zone.

Adjudication (cont.)

- In Country Regions, adjudicators will be secured by the home school in consultation with their Regional Coordinator.
- A free adjudicator training course will be held at Lewisham at the end of February. Please see the website for details.

Support

- The Years 5&6 division is also supported by the English Speaking Union.



The English-Speaking Union

Contact Details

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SUMMARY	Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 5&6	Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8	Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9&10	Premier's Debating Challenge for Year 11	Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 11&12
Which students can enter?	All Primary School students	Years 7&8 students only	Students in Year 10 and below	Students in Year 11 and below in Sydney Metropolitan schools	All High School students
How many teams can enter from each school?	2	2	2	2	2
What are the speaking times?	4 minutes, warning bell at 3 minutes	6 minutes, warning bell at 4 minutes	8 minutes, warning bell at 6 minutes	10 minutes, warning bell at 8 minutes	10 minutes, warning bell at 8 minutes
What type of preparation is expected?	1 hour preparation	1 hour preparation	1 hour preparation	1 hour preparation	1 hour preparation
How are the topics for the debates obtained?	Country: mailed by Coordinators City: adjudicators	Country: mailed by Coordinators City: adjudicators	Country: mailed by Coordinators City: adjudicators	Country: mailed by Coordinators City: adjudicators	Country: mailed by Coordinators City: adjudicators
Who appoints the adjudicators?	Regional Coordinators	Regional Coordinators	Regional Coordinators	Regional Coordinators	State Coordinator and Regional Coordinators
When will the competition begin?	April	May	May	June	March
When is the State Final?	8-11 November, Stanwell Tops	9-11 December, University of Sydney	Mon 16 November, Art Gallery of NSW	Mon 7 September, Botanic Gardens	Fri 7 August, University of Sydney
What is the name of the perpetual trophy?	Hunter Challenge Trophy (since 1995)	English Speaking Union Trophy (since 1998)	Teasdale Cup (since 1950)	Karl Cramp Trophy (since 1953)	Hume Barbour Trophy (since 1930)