



Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9&10 for the Teasdale Cup

Dear Debating Coordinator

Welcome to the 2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9&10. In this package you will find details of this year's competition including school contact information, the draw for 2009, and a new results reporting fax.

NSW Schools Debating Policy

- Home schools (underlined>) are responsible for the initial contact with both the adjudicator and the other school.
- Home schools should contact the adjudicator as soon as possible and arrange at least three suitable dates for the debate. They should then confirm the arrangements with the adjudicator AND the other school.
- Once arrangements have been made for a debate, more than 48 hours notice must be given by a school wishing to postpone the debate. A suitable alternative must then be organised by that school.
- All rounds must be completed by the dates specified (see below).
- If any problems arise which prevent the organisation of a debate please contact your Regional Coordinator immediately.
- If a debate has not taken place by the due date, it may be awarded to the team deemed to be disadvantaged due to another team's unwillingness to debate.
- A forfeit is a win to the other team.
- Please note that a forfeit disadvantages all the teams in the zone, so every effort should be made to complete your debates on time.
- Metropolitan schools must use the adjudicator assigned to their zone. Under no circumstances are schools to appoint their own adjudicator or adjudicate their own debates.
- The adjudicator's decision is final. No protests will be considered unless the rules of the competition have been broken.
- Any disputes regarding any aspect of the conduct of a debate must be forwarded in writing to the State Coordinator within one week of the problem arising.

Topic Areas and Completion Dates

Round	To be completed by	Topic area
1	Week 4 Term 2	Education
2	Week 7 Term 2	National Issues
3	Week 2 Term 3	World Affairs
Regional Finals to be held in August/September		General
Quarter Finals to be held in September		General
Semi-Finals to be held in October		General
State Final to be held at the Art Gallery of NSW, on Monday 16 November at 11.30am		General

Reporting Results

- The procedure for reporting results in the Premier's Debating Challenge has changed for 2009. Please read the details below carefully.
- All results should be reported to the State Coordinator.
- A chairperson's script & results fax is included in this package. Make copies of this page and use it for each debate you host.
- Home schools should try to get the signatures of both the away coach and the adjudicator on this chairperson's script & results fax.
- This page should be faxed through to the State Coordinator by the home school immediately after the debate with the results section completed.
- Alternatively, results can now be emailed to debating@det.nsw.edu.au. Be sure to include the round, schools involved, topic, adjudicator's name and winner in your email.
- Should you be unable to secure signatures or remember some of these details, it's still important that you contact us with the result as soon as possible.

Rules of the Competition

- The Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9&10 is open to all NSW government secondary schools.
- 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.
- Teams entering the competition have been organised into zones, where they will debate each other in a round-robin format.
- 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 will participate in a knock-out finals series until the two remaining teams meet in the state final on Monday 16 November at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. All schools are welcome to attend the final.
- The speaking time for the Years 9&10 competition is 8 minutes, with a warning bell at 6 minutes and a continuous bell at 9 minutes.
- Teams will rank the topics from 1 to 3. Both 3rd choices will be eliminated, and the highest-rated topic chosen. Where two remaining topics are equally popular, a coin toss shall decide between them.
- The toss of a coin will determine affirmative/negative. The winner of the toss is the affirmative.
- Teams will have 60 minutes in which to prepare their case.
- Teams may not take any notes or research into the preparation rooms. Pens, blank paper and cards, and stopwatches are allowed.

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Junior State Debating Championships

Background

At the end of the year, the regional coordinator will hold selection trials for the Regional Representative Squad. This squad will represent their region at the 2009 Junior State Debating Championships, where they will compete against representative teams from around NSW in a series of round-robin debates.

In 2009, the Junior State Debating Championships will be held from Monday 7 to Wednesday 9 December at The Women's College, University of Sydney.

Rules for Selection

- Students who entered the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9&10 are eligible to represent their region at the JSDC.
- Each regional team consists of up to 5 students.
- Only one student from each school can be selected in the representative team.
- A student can only represent the region at the championships once

Application Process

- Selections for the regional team will be held in late October.
- Only 2 students per school may attend the selections.

JSDC Costs

Students who attend the Junior State Debating Championships need to pay camp costs. This cost covers accommodation, all meals, adjudication and a T-shirt. Students attending the Championships are encouraged to ask their school for financial assistance.

Registration

To register for selection, please contact your regional coordinator.

The Junior State Debating Championships is an excellent opportunity for young debaters to improve their skills and receive feedback and coaching from some of the state's most experienced adjudicators. If you have any questions about the championships, please do not hesitate to contact your regional coordinator.

2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 9&10 – New England Region
 (The home team is underlined)

ZONE 1			
1a	<u>Glen Innes High School</u>	v	Armidale High School
1b	<u>Duval High School</u>	v	Dorrigo High School
2a	<u>Glen Innes High School</u>	v	Duval High School
2b	<u>Armidale High School</u>	v	Dorrigo High School
3a	<u>Dorrigo High School</u>	v	Glen Innes High School
3b	<u>Duval High School</u>	v	Armidale High School
ZONE 2			
1a	<u>Oxley High School</u>	v	Tamworth High School
1b	<u>Narrabri High School</u>	v	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High
	Quirindi High School	–	BYE
2a	<u>Quirindi High School</u>	v	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High
2b	<u>Narrabri High School</u>	v	Oxley High School
	Tamworth High School	–	BYE
3a	<u>Oxley High School</u>	v	Quirindi High School
3b	<u>Tamworth High School</u>	v	Narrabri High School
	Farrer Memorial Agricultural High	–	BYE
4a	<u>Tamworth High School</u>	v	Quirindi High School
4b	<u>Farrer Memorial Agricultural High</u>	v	Oxley High School
	Narrabri High School	–	BYE
ZONE 3			
1a	<u>Inverell High School</u>	v	Macintyre High School
1b	<u>Tenterfield High School</u>	v	Moree Secondary College Carol Ave
2a	<u>Inverell High School</u>	v	Tenterfield High School
2b	<u>Macintyre High School</u>	v	Moree Secondary College Carol Ave
3a	<u>Moree Secondary College Carol Ave</u>	v	Inverell High School
3b	<u>Tenterfield High School</u>	v	Macintyre High School



CHAIRPERSON'S SCRIPT & RESULTS FAX

I welcome you to the _____ round of the Premier's Debating Challenge for Year(s) _____

This debate is between _____ (A / B) and _____ (A / B)

The Affirmative team, from:

The Negative team, from:

School is:

School is:

1st Speaker _____

1st Speaker _____

2nd Speaker _____

2nd Speaker _____

3rd Speaker _____

3rd Speaker _____

Team Adviser _____

Team Adviser _____

The Adjudicator for this debate is: _____

Each speaker may speak for _____ minutes. There will be a warning bell at _____ minutes with two bells at _____ minutes to indicate that the speaker's time has expired. A bell will be rung continuously if the speaker exceeds the maximum time by more than one minute. As a courtesy to the speakers, please ensure that all mobile phones are switched off.

The topic for this debate is: _____

Please welcome the 1st speaker of the Affirmative to open the debate. *(After each speaker, wait for a signal from the adjudicator and then introduce the next speaker).*

(After the debate) Please welcome the adjudicator to announce the result of this debate.

(After the adjudication) A speaker will now congratulate the winning team.

(After the congratulations) A speaker from the winning team will now respond.

ATTN: LLOYD CAMERON, FAX: (02) 9569 6878

Winning Team Name: _____

Home Coach: _____
(Signature)

Away Coach: _____
(Signature)

Adjudicator: _____
(Signature)

Debate Date: _____ / _____ / _____

The home school should ensure that all of the top section is completed *(round number, age division, topic, team A or B & adjudicator's name)*. **The home school** should then collect the signatures needed and fax this entire page to the number above. Please note that results can also be emailed to debating@det.nsw.edu.au