



Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 2009 Information

Dear Debating Coordinator

Welcome to the 2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8. 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 9 Term 2	Education
2	Week 3 Term 3	Media
3	Week 6 Term 3	Politics
Regional Final to be held in November		General
Championships to take place at Women's College, University of Sydney from Wed 9 - Fri 11 December		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 7&8 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 Championship stage for the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 at Women's College, University of Sydney, from Wednesday 9 to Friday 11 December.
- Schools winning their region should be aware that there are costs involved in attending the Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 State Championships.
- The speaking time for the Years 7&8 competition is 6 minutes, with a warning bell at 4 minutes and a continuous bell at 7 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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2009 Premier's Debating Challenge for Years 7&8 – Hunter/Central Coast Region
 (The home team is underlined)

ZONE 1			
1a	<u>Gosford High School (A)</u>	v	Gorokan High School (A)
1b	<u>Narara Valley High School</u>	v	T.L.S.C Berkley Vale Campus
2a	<u>Gosford High School (A)</u>	v	Narara Valley High School
2b	<u>Gorokan High School (A)</u>	v	T.L.S.C Berkley Vale Campus
3a	<u>T.L.S.C Berkley Vale Campus</u>	v	Gosford High School (A)
3b	<u>Narara Valley High School</u>	v	Gorokan High School (A)
ZONE 2			
1a	<u>Gorokan High School (B)</u>	v	Gosford High School (B)
1b	<u>Wadalba Community School</u>	v	Wyong High School (A)
2a	<u>Gorokan High School (B)</u>	v	Wadalba Community School
2b	<u>Gosford High School (B)</u>	v	Wyong High School (A)
3a	<u>Wyong High School (A)</u>	v	Gorokan High School (B)
3b	<u>Wadalba Community School</u>	v	Gosford High School (B)
ZONE 3			
1a	<u>Maitland High School</u>	v	Irrawang High School
1b	<u>Dungog High School</u>	v	Singleton High School
2a	<u>Maitland High School</u>	v	Dungog High School
2b	<u>Irrawang High School</u>	v	Singleton High School
3a	<u>Singleton High School</u>	v	Maitland High School
3b	<u>Dungog High School</u>	v	Irrawang High School
ZONE 4			
1a	<u>Kotara High School</u>	v	Merewether High School (A)
1b	<u>Lambton High School (B)</u>	v	Toronto High School (A)
2a	<u>Kotara High School</u>	v	Lambton High School (B)
2b	<u>Merewether High School (A)</u>	v	Toronto High School (A)
3a	<u>Toronto High School (A)</u>	v	Kotara High School
3b	<u>Lambton High School (B)</u>	v	Merewether High School (A)

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ZONE 5			
1a	<u>Warners Bay High School</u>	v	Rutherford High School (B)
1b	<u>Rutherford High School (A)</u>	v	Maitland Grossman High School
2a	<u>Warners Bay High School</u>	v	Rutherford High School (A)
2b	<u>Rutherford High School (B)</u>	v	Maitland Grossman High School
3a	<u>Maitland Grossman High School</u>	v	Warners Bay High School
3b	<u>Rutherford High School (A)</u>	v	Rutherford High School (B)
ZONE 6			
1a	<u>Northlakes High School (A)</u>	v	Terrigal High School
1b	<u>T.L.S.C Tumbi Umbi Campus</u>	v	B.W.S.C Umina Campus (B)
2a	<u>Northlakes High School (A)</u>	v	T.L.S.C Tumbi Umbi Campus
2b	<u>Terrigal High School</u>	v	B.W.S.C Umina Campus (B)
3a	<u>B.W.S.C Umina Campus (B)</u>	v	Northlakes High School (A)
3b	<u>T.L.S.C Tumbi Umbi Campus</u>	v	Terrigal High School
ZONE 7			
1a	<u>Hunter River High School</u>	v	Hunter Sports High School (A)
1b	<u>Hunter School of Performing Arts</u>	v	Callaghan College Waratah Campus
2a	<u>Hunter River High School</u>	v	Hunter School of Performing Arts
2b	<u>Hunter Sports High School (A)</u>	v	Callaghan College Waratah Campus
3a	<u>Callaghan College Waratah Campus</u>	v	Hunter River High School
3b	<u>Hunter School of Performing Arts</u>	v	Hunter Sports High School (A)
ZONE 8			
1a	<u>Toronto High School (B)</u>	v	Morisset High School
1b	<u>Belmont High School</u>	v	Lake Macquarie High School
2a	<u>Toronto High School (B)</u>	v	Belmont High School
2b	<u>Morisset High School</u>	v	Lake Macquarie High School
3a	<u>Lake Macquarie High School</u>	v	Toronto High School (B)
3b	<u>Belmont High School</u>	v	Morisset High School

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ZONE 9			
1a	<u>B.W.S.C Umina Campus (A)</u>	v	Wyong High School (B)
1b	<u>Hunter Sports High School (B)</u>	v	Northlakes High School (B)
2a	<u>B.W.S.C Umina Campus (A)</u>	v	Hunter Sports High School (B)
2b	<u>Wyong High School (B)</u>	v	Northlakes High School (B)
3a	<u>Northlakes High School (B)</u>	v	B.W.S.C Umina Campus (A)
3b	<u>Hunter Sports High School (B)</u>	v	Wyong High School (B)
ZONE 10			
1a	<u>Merewether High School (B)</u>	v	Newcastle High School
1b	<u>Callaghan College Wallsend Campus</u>	v	Lambton High School (A)
2a	<u>Merewether High School (B)</u>	v	Callaghan College Wallsend Campus
2b	<u>Newcastle High School</u>	v	Lambton High School (A)
3a	<u>Lambton High School (A)</u>	v	Merewether High School (B)
3b	<u>Callaghan College Wallsend Campus</u>	v	Newcastle 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.

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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