



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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(The home team is underlined)

ZONE 1			
1a	<u>Wollumbin High School</u>	v	Tweed River High School (B)
1b	<u>Tweed River High School (A)</u>	v	Murwillumbah High School
2a	<u>Wollumbin High School</u>	v	Tweed River High School (A)
2b	<u>Tweed River High School (B)</u>	v	Murwillumbah High School
3a	<u>Murwillumbah High School</u>	v	Wollumbin High School
3b	<u>Tweed River High School (A)</u>	v	Tweed River High School (B)
ZONE 2			
1a	<u>Ballina High School</u>	v	Mullumbimby High School (B)
1b	<u>Mullumbimby High School (A)</u>	v	Alstonville High School (A)
2a	<u>Ballina High School</u>	v	Mullumbimby High School (A)
2b	<u>Mullumbimby High School (B)</u>	v	Alstonville High School (A)
3a	<u>Alstonville High School (A)</u>	v	Ballina High School
3b	<u>Mullumbimby High School (A)</u>	v	Mullumbimby High School (B)
ZONE 3			
1a	<u>Kadina High School</u>	v	Lismore High School (A)
1b	<u>Alstonville High School (B)</u>	v	Richmond River High School (A)
	Lismore High School (B)	–	BYE
2a	<u>Lismore High School (B)</u>	v	Richmond River High School (A)
2b	<u>Alstonville High School (B)</u>	v	Kadina High School
	Lismore High School (A)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Kadina High School</u>	v	Lismore High School (B)
3b	<u>Lismore High School (A)</u>	v	Alstonville High School (B)
	Richmond River High School (A)	–	BYE
4a	<u>Lismore High School (A)</u>	v	Lismore High School (B)
4b	<u>Richmond River High School (A)</u>	v	Kadina High School
	Alstonville High School (B)	–	BYE

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ZONE 4			
1a	<u>Richmond River High School (B)</u>	v	Woodenbong Central School
1b	<u>Casino High School</u>	v	Kyogle High School
2a	<u>Richmond River High School (B)</u>	v	Casino High School
2b	<u>Woodenbong Central School</u>	v	Kyogle High School
3a	<u>Kyogle High School</u>	v	Richmond River High School (B)
3b	<u>Casino High School</u>	v	Woodenbong Central School
ZONE 5			
1a	<u>South Grafton High School</u>	v	Macleans High School
1b	<u>Woolgoolga High School</u>	v	Grafton High School
1c	<u>Orara High School (B)</u>	v	Orara High School (A)
2a	<u>South Grafton High School</u>	v	Woolgoolga High School
2b	<u>Orara High School (A)</u>	v	Grafton High School
2c	<u>Macleans High School</u>	v	Orara High School (B)
3a	<u>Grafton High School</u>	v	South Grafton High School
3b	<u>Orara High School (B)</u>	v	Woolgoolga High School
3c	<u>Macleans High School</u>	v	Orara High School (A)
ZONE 6			
1a	<u>Macksville High School</u>	v	Nambucca Heads High School (A)
1b	<u>Coffs Harbour High School</u>	v	Dorrigo High School
	Nambucca Heads High School (B)	–	BYE
2a	<u>Nambucca Heads High School (B)</u>	v	Dorrigo High School
2b	<u>Coffs Harbour High School</u>	v	Macksville High School
	Nambucca Heads High School (A)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Macksville High School</u>	v	Nambucca Heads High School (B)
3b	<u>Nambucca Heads High School (A)</u>	v	Coffs Harbour High School
	Dorrigo High School	–	BYE
4a	<u>Nambucca Heads High School (A)</u>	v	Nambucca Heads High School (B)
4b	<u>Dorrigo High School</u>	v	Macksville High School
	Coffs Harbour High School	–	BYE

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ZONE 7			
1a	<u>Wauchope High School</u>	v	Camden Haven High school (A)
1b	<u>Westport High School (A)</u>	v	Westport High School (B)
	Camden Haven High school (B)	–	BYE
2a	<u>Camden Haven High school (B)</u>	v	Westport High School (B)
2b	<u>Westport High School (A)</u>	v	Wauchope High School
	Camden Haven High school (A)	–	BYE
3a	<u>Wauchope High School</u>	v	Camden Haven High school (B)
3b	<u>Camden Haven High school (A)</u>	v	Westport High School (A)
	Westport High School (B)	–	BYE
4a	<u>Camden Haven High school (A)</u>	v	Camden Haven High school (B)
4b	<u>Westport High School (B)</u>	v	Wauchope High School
	Westport High School (A)	–	BYE
ZONE 8			
1a	<u>G.L.C Forster Campus</u>	v	Taree High School
1b	<u>Bulahdelah Central School</u>	v	Chatham High School
1c	<u>Gloucester High School (B)</u>	v	Gloucester High School (A)
2a	<u>G.L.C Forster Campus</u>	v	Bulahdelah Central School
2b	<u>Gloucester High School (A)</u>	v	Chatham High School
2c	<u>Taree High School</u>	v	Gloucester High School (B)
3a	<u>Chatham High School</u>	v	G.L.C Forster Campus
3b	<u>Gloucester High School (B)</u>	v	Bulahdelah Central School
3c	<u>Taree High School</u>	v	Gloucester High School (A)



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