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To the Principal and Teacher in Charge of Debating

INFORMATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR THE SACEE DEBATING LEAGUE
FOR 2017

Gauteng Debating is run on three levels:

1. SACEE Regional rounds: divided into, North, West, East and Central regions.
2. SACEE Championships: centralised, with invites based on regional rounds.
3. Gauteng Provincial Championships: invites based on SACEE Championships, to be held in September.

STRUCTURE OF THE SACEE DEBATING LEAGUE

In response to requests from a number of schools, the SACEE league structure and rules for 2017 have been adapted as follows:

A. Number of regional debates

1. Both senior and junior teams are to have six debating rounds at regional level in 2017. A portion of these teams will be invited to attend the centralised SACEE Championships in May. These championships are comprised of a further six rounds. The Quarter, Semi and Finals of these championships are to be held on 29th July.
2. Regional rounds are held over two days (two for seniors and two for juniors), between the end of February and May.
3. All rounds for both juniors and seniors will be impromptu.

B. Team Composition

1. A debating team may consist of **no more than 5 members**. No team may field more than five members on any given day, or at a championship. Schools may

rotate speakers between rounds 3 and 4 of the regional debates and before championships, but at no other time. Teams not adhering to this ruling can face disqualification.

2. SACEE Championships limit a team to the same five team members for the duration of the championships.

C. Junior participation in Senior Teams

Should a junior speaker speak in a senior team for two or more rounds, that speaker will be deemed a senior and will not be permitted to speak again at junior level. Should this rule be violated, both the speaker and the team, run the risk of disqualification. However, juniors speaking in senior teams are still eligible for provincial selection at junior level.

D. Electronic resources

All electronic devices are banned during preparation time. It is the responsibility of the team coach to ensure that all the team members adhere to this ruling. Noncompliance can result in disqualification from that debating round.

E. The Role of Floors

Despite the flagging enthusiasm for floor debates in some regions, it is felt that their continued existence is justifiable for the regional rounds in both the senior and junior sections.

ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR THE LEAGUE

1. Please submit a **fully completed** entry form to the SACEE branch Treasurer: Mrs. T. Kantor by the 1st February 2017. Please ensure that registration forms are complete with all the necessary information, particularly contact details and school addresses. Incomplete forms will not be entertained.
The fax to email number for the branch is **086 673 3061**. Alternatively, information can be submitted via email to teresa@blazingblooms.co.za
2. Fees to be paid to SACEE by the 1st February, 2017.
Banking Details:
Acc number – SACEE
Standard Bank
Acc: 02 127 890 3
Branch: 016641

This entry fee is broken down as follows: R100.00 annual membership per school and R 400.00 per team entered.

The **R400 per team** includes:

1. Speaker/ coach/adjudicator training. (To be held on 28th January)
 2. Six regional rounds of debate.
 3. Entry into SACEE Championships (dependent on regional ranking)
 4. Entry into Gauteng Provincial Championships (dependent on SACEE Championships ranking)
3. Schools may enter a maximum of two junior teams and two senior teams per year.
4. Should schools be unable to meet the entry fee, it may be waived at the discretion of the Treasurer. Such schools should request a waiver, with a motivation, from the SACEE Treasurer.

Adjudicators

As debating requires adjudicators to function, **it is incumbent on all schools to provide an adjudicator per team.** Failure to do so will incur a penalty.

Grade 11 and 12 learners, who have attended adjudicator training, are welcome to adjudicate junior debates in addition to the school's teacher or coach, **but not in place of an adult adjudicator.**

DEBATING REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS

For the purposes of coordinating the various debating schools, all teams are assigned to regions where debates are held at regionally centralised venues. All new schools will be assigned to a coordinator. Should schools wish to change regions, please inform the SACEE Debating chairperson of this, so the move can be facilitated.

Region	Coordinator	Email address
Northern Region	Mitchell Black	mblack.mitchell@gmail.com
Western Region	Mrs. Christine Churchyard (Heronbridge College)	churchyardc@hotmail.com
Eastern Region	Mr. Warrick Brown (Willowmoore High School)	fulvus33@gmail.com
Southern/Central	Ms Claire Baker (Sacred Heart High School)	saceedebate@gmail.com
Treasurer/Secretary	Mrs. Teresa Kantor	teresa@blazingblooms.co.za

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2017

Unfortunately, it has become no longer tenable for SACEE to run regular events on Sundays. With the exception of one championship day, all SACEE events will now be on Saturdays. Schools that are unable to compete on Saturdays or prefer to compete on Sundays are encouraged to create a Sunday league, in compliance with the Gauteng Schools Debating Board criteria, that will feed directly into Gauteng Debating.

Dates	Event Details	Venue
Saturday 28 January	Adjudicator and Coach Training	T.B.A
Saturday 1 Feb	Closure of league registration	
Saturday 4 March	Seniors Rounds 1-3	Regional venues
Saturday 11 March	Juniors Rounds 1-3	Regional venues
Saturday 25 March	Seniors Rounds 4-6	Regional venues
Saturday 6 May	Junior Rounds 4-6	Regional venues
Saturday 13 May	Senior League Championships round 1-3	T.B.A
Saturday 20 May	Junior League Championships round 1-3	T.B.A
Sunday 21 May	Senior League Championship round 4-6	T.B.A
Saturday 27 May	Junior League Championships round 4-6	T.B.A
Saturday 29 July	Senior and Junior Break Rounds	T.B.A

Should your school be willing to host one of the regional debating rounds, please advise your regional coordinator or the SACEE Secretary/Treasurer by 01 February 2017 to allow for co-ordination and communication to all participating schools.

Furthermore, schools that host any of the CHAMPIONSHIP rounds (13 May, 20 May, 21 May 27 May or 29 July), will be given automatic entry into the championships. Should your school be willing to host any of these events please advise your regional coordinator or Teresa as soon as possible.

In conclusion, the SACEE committee wishes you every success for the 2017 debating season.

Sincerely

Christine Churchyard

SACEE Johannesburg Branch Debating Chairperson

NB: All rules and definitions will be found in the updated 2012 rulebook to be found on the SACEE website shortly (www.sacee-jhb.co.za).