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SACEE PROVINCIAL DEBATING LEAGUE 2024

TOURNAMENT DOCUMENT

OVERVIEW

The SACEE Debating League is the oldest and most prestigious debating competition in the country. The 2024 edition promises to be bigger and better than ever.

The league will run in three phases:

1. SACEE Regional rounds: divided into;
 - **North** – Pretoria & Centurion
 - **West** – West Rand, Randburg, Johannesburg West
 - **East** – Ekurhuleni
 - **Central** – Central Johannesburg
2. SACEE League Championships: a centralised event with invitations issued based on performance in the regional rounds.
3. Gauteng Provincial Championships: held in August or September with invitations issued to schools based on their performance in the SACEE League Championships. This is organized by the GSDB, not SACEE.

FORMAT

1. The tournament will use the World School Style Format. For more details, please engage with the following links:
 1. **Introduction to WSDC Format** – <http://www.esu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Introduction-to-World-Schools-format-guide.pdf>
 2. **World Schools Debate | Explained | Vancouver Debate Academy** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UetCR8CpD-Q>
 3. **Example of WSS Debate** – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v7z6mKiO19o&t=57s>
2. The competition will consist of two divisions
 1. **Junior Division – Grade 7 – 9**
 2. **Senior Division – Grade 10 – 12**
3. Both senior and junior teams have six debating rounds at regional level in 2023. Regional rounds are held over two days (two for seniors and two for juniors), between the end of February and March.
4. **All** teams – on the provision that they completed their quota of six regional debates or, if not, at the discretion of the SACEE Debating Chairperson - will be invited then to attend the SACEE League Championship in May. The Quarters, Semis and Finals of

these Championships will be held on 4 August 2024. Entry into this leg of these championships is dependent on number of wins in the first six rounds.

5. We have opted to make the Developmental League a separate competitive structure from League Championships as schools may want developmental speakers to participate in that division, but it may conflict with commitments at Championship level.
6. All schools are required to have along with them a qualified and trained adjudicator for each team they register. Along with team registrations, schools will register their adjudicators. If a school provides an adjudicator that is not on our system due to an emergency, the league coordinators must be informed by email and be told who will be replacing the registered adjudicator. Failure to complete this may result in punitive measures taken at the discretion of the SACEE Committee.

NB: All rounds for all phases of the Championships for both juniors and seniors utilize impromptu motions.

Team Composition

- A debating team may consist of **no more than 5 members**. No team may field more than five members on any given day, or weekend in the Championship phase. Schools may rotate speakers between rounds 3 and 4 of the Regional debates and before championships, but at no other time. Teams which do not adhere to this ruling, may face disqualification.
- The SACEE League Championships' rules limit a team to the same five team members for the duration of the Championships.
- It must be noted that the members of any debating team need to be registered students of that particular school only, or members of a school where debating is not a formalized activity but the student is a legitimate participant at another school where it is a formalized activity. It is not acceptable to make use of graduated ex-students or for students to be members of teams from two or more different schools.

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.

Electronic resources

- All electronic devices which are capable of internet access or communication, are banned during preparation time. It is the responsibility of the team coach to ensure that all the team members adhere to this ruling. These devices may be returned to the team members at the beginning of a debate but the usage of these devices is strictly limited to time-keeping only. Noncompliance can result in disqualification from that debating round.

ENTRY FORM & FEES

1. Please submit a **fully completed** entry form to the SACEE branch Treasurer: Mrs. T. Kantor by the 2 February 2024. Please ensure that registration forms are complete with all the necessary information, particularly contact details and school addresses.
2. Information can be submitted via email to teresa@blazingblooms.co.za
3. Registration Fees to be paid to SACEE by the 2 February 2024

Banking Details:

Account Name – SACEE

Bank – Standard Bank

Account Number: 02 127 890 3

Branch Code: 016641

Reference: [SCHOOL NAME] – SACEE 2024

This entry fee is broken down as follows:

R 200.00 annual membership per school,

R 400.00 per team entered.

1. Six regional rounds of debate.
2. Entry into the SACEE League Championship or SACEE Developmental League
3. Schools may enter a maximum of two junior teams and two senior teams per year, unless special accommodation has been sought from the League Secretary.
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 in a motivation letter to the SACEE Treasurer. Please include your waiver motivation with your entry letter.

ENTRY FORM: <https://forms.gle/KUh7yT7QrPdtDbde8>

DEBATING REGIONAL CO-ORDINATORS

All regional coordinators will be the main point of contact for any question or comment an educator may have. Each region will have its own communication channels for announcements.

- North: Tina Manyaneso
 - tinamanyaneso0@gmail.com
- West: Agisang Sibanda
 - leaguedevelopment@sadebating.org
- Central: Tumelo Bore
 - tmbore@gmail.com
- East: Warwick Brown, Tayla Barrett & Nomsa Mboneli
 - fulvus33@gmail.com
 - taylamiab@gmail.com
 - nomsamboneliid@gmail.com

If anyone is interested in forming part of the Chief Adjudication Panel for the provincial championships, please send your debating CV with a motivational letter to leaguedevelopment@sadebating.org by 15 April 2023.

We are looking for;

- **ONE** Chief Adjudicator, and
- **TWO** Deputy Chief Adjudicators.

ADJUDICATOR TEST

An adjudication test will be administered for all registered adjudicators. This test will be completed from **19 – 20 January**. Recommendations for course attendance will be sent along with the results for the test.

SPEAKER TRAINING

A tournament training for debaters will be held on 27 January. The training will have a beginner, intermediate and advanced stream. Details about this training will be sent to regions soon.

ADJUDICATOR ACCREDITATION COURSE

This year, the Coach Itu Academy (CIA) is set to implement an adjudicator accreditation course. The course is rigorous, informative and it is a SETA-accredited course. This course will aid the continued professionalisation and improvement of standards for adjudicators in the province which will ultimately improve the quality of debates. It will also be beneficial for development of all adjudicators, both novice and experienced judges will gain greatly from the course.

- The course duration is two days, scheduled for Saturday, 27 January and 3 February with venues to be confirmed.
- The total fee for the full course is **R850** which covers printed course material, food, and payment for trainers.
- The accreditation is permanent and will be carried over to future league engagements. A certificate will be sent to adjudicators who complete the course.
- Completion of the course may also aid in gaining SACE CPTD points for all SACE-registered educators.
- For any queries, please send an email to saceedebate@gmail.com
- Please complete the form below to show your interest to attend the course and further information will be sent to you.

Please note that this initiative is not run or organised by SACEE nor does the organisation profit from the endeavour. SACEE is endorsing this course as an avenue for adjudicator development. All details surrounding the course will be sent by the CIA upon completing the form below.

ADJUDICATOR COURSE ATTENDANCE LINK: <https://forms.gle/kavWYKHUzaxt2T7D8>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2024

Dates	Event Details
19 – 20 January	Adjudicator Pre-test
27 January	Adjudicator Training Course [DAY 1] Speaker Training
2 February	Registration Closes Fee Payment deadline
3 February	Adjudicator Training Course [DAY 2]
10 February	Regional Senior Rounds 1-3

17 February	Regional Juniors Rounds 1-3
2 March	Regional Seniors Rounds 4-6
9 March	Regional Junior Rounds 4-6
15 April	Applications for league championships CAP closes
4 May	Senior League Championships rounds 1-3
11 May	Junior League Championships rounds 1-3
18 May	Senior League Championships rounds 4-6
25 May	Junior League Championships rounds 4-6
3 August	Senior and Junior Break Rounds and Prizegiving

CENTRAL EMAIL COMMUNICATION

We will be launching a central email chain for all SACEE related communication. Please complete the Google form below to keep up to date with new developments.

GOOGLE FORM: <https://forms.gle/HSoDYMz21Z3DVMN46>

SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES

SACEE has established an Instagram and Facebook page for more social media visibility and presence. Give a follow and like to some our content and updates.



[SACEE Debating League – Gauteng Branch](#)



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The SACEE committee wishes you every success for the 2024 debating season.

Sincerely

Agisang Sibanda

SACEE DEBATING JOHANNESBURG CHAIRPERSON