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To the Principal and Teacher in Charge of Debating

INFORMATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR THE SACEE DEBATING LEAGUE
FOR 2022

Gauteng Debating is run in three phases:

1. SACEE Regional rounds: divided into, North, West, East and Central regions.
2. SACEE League Championships: a centralized event with invitations issued based on performance in the regional rounds.
3. Gauteng Provincial Championships: held in September with invitations issued based on performance in the SACEE League Championships.

STRUCTURE OF THE SACEE DEBATING LEAGUE

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

A: Debate League Structure

1. Both senior and junior teams have six debating rounds at Regional level in 2022. Regional rounds are held over two days (two for seniors and two for juniors), between the end of February and May.
2. **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 League Championships will be divided into two levels:
 - i. The standard SACEE Championship which feeds into the GSDB Provincial Championship.
 - ii. The newly established SACEE Development Championship which will focus on development of both speakers and adjudicators.Both Championships are comprised of six rounds.

3. The Quarters, Semis and Finals of these Championships will be held on 25 July 2022. Entry into this leg of these championships is dependent on number of wins in the first six rounds.

NB: All rounds for all phases of the Championships for both juniors and seniors are 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 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.
2. The SACEE League Championships' rules limit a team to the same five team members for the duration of the Championships.
3. 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.

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 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.

E. Adjudicators

As debating requires adjudicators to function, **it is incumbent on all schools to provide an adjudicator per team, and not just a chaperone! Failure to do so may incur a penalty of a compulsory minimum reply score of 30 for the defaulting team**

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. Further, these learners may not chair an adjudication panel even if their competency has been established.

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 2022. Please ensure that registration forms are complete with all the necessary information, particularly contact details and school addresses. Incomplete forms will not be entertained.
2. The fax to email number for the branch is **086 673 3061**. Alternatively, information can be submitted via email to teresa@blazingblooms.co.za
3. Fees to be paid to SACEE by the 1st February 2022.

Banking Details:

Acc number – SACEE
Standard Bank
Acc: 02 127 890 3
Branch: 016641

This entry fee is broken down as follows: R200.00 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 1st of February 2022)
 2. Six regional rounds of debate.
 3. Entry into the SACEE League Championship OR the SACEE Development Championship
 4. (Entry into Gauteng Provincial Championships, dependent on a team's performance at the SACEE League Championship.)
4. Schools may enter a maximum of two junior teams and two senior teams per year.
 5. 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.

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.

At this juncture we would all like to formally acknowledge the retirement of Mrs C, Churchyard as debating co-ordinator after well over 20 years of dedication to debating. Her insight and leadership will be sorely missed. Also there will be a transition in the central region as Mrs C. Baker steps back to focus on other responsibilities. If there is anyone in these regions who would like to assume these responsibilities, please forward your interest to Mrs Kantor. We will be delighted to accommodate you.

Region	Coordinator	Email address
Northern Region	tbc	
Western Region	tbc	
Eastern Region	Mr Warwick Brown (Willowmoore High School)	Fulvus33@gmail.com
Southern/Central	Ms Claire Baker (St David's Marist, Inanda)	saceedebate@gmail.com
Treasurer/Secretary	Mrs Teresa Kantor	teresa@blazingblooms.co.za

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2022

The change in the four-term school dates versus the three-term school ones has made this scheduling very complicated for 2022. The SACEE committee is very aware of the potential consequences for the exams being written in May so the decision was made to run only 2 debates with slightly less preparation time on the last two league championship days; this will mean that more of the weekend remains for study.

Dates	Event Details	Venue
Saturday 29 January	Adjudicator and Coach Training	online
Friday 1 Feb	Closure of league registration	
Saturday 19 Feb	Seniors Rounds 1-3	Willowmoore
Saturday 5 March	Juniors Rounds 1-3	Willowmoore
Saturday 12 March	Seniors Rounds 4-6	Pinnacle Hill
Saturday 9 April	Junior Rounds 4-6	Pinnacle Hill
Saturday 7 May	Senior League Championships rounds 1-3	Central venues
Saturday 14 May	Junior League Championships rounds 1-3	
Saturday 21 May	Senior League Championships rounds 4-5	
Saturday 28 May	Junior League Championships round 4-5	
tbc	Senior and Junior Break Rounds	

Should your school be willing to host one of the regional debating rounds, please advise your regional coordinator or the SACEE Secretary/Treasurer by 1 February 2022 to allow for co-ordination and communication to all participating schools.

Furthermore, schools that host any of the CHAMPIONSHIP rounds (7 May, 14 May, 21 May or 28 May), 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 the League Secretary as soon as possible.

In conclusion, the SACEE committee wishes you every success for the 2022 debating season.

Sincerely
Warwick Brown
SACEE Johannesburg Branch, Debating Chairperson