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To the Principal and Teacher in Charge of Debating

**INFORMATION AND ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR THE SACEE DEBATING LEAGUE**  
**FOR 2018**

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 2018. 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 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018.
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 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. 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](mailto:teresa@blazingblooms.co.za)

2. **Fees to be paid to SACEE by the 1st February, 2018.**

#### **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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2018)
  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. Please include your motivation for a waiver with your entry letter.

### 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
<b>Northern Region</b>	To be announced	
<b>Western Region</b>	Mrs. Christine Churchyard ( HeronBridge College)	churchyardc@gmail.com
<b>Eastern Region</b>	Mr. Warrick Brown (Willowmoore High School)	<a href="mailto:fulvus33@gmail.com">fulvus33@gmail.com</a>
<b>Southern/Central</b>	Ms Claire Baker (Sacred Heart High School)	saceedebate@gmail.com
<b>Treasurer/Secretary</b>	Mrs. Teresa Kantor	<a href="mailto:teresa@blazingblooms.co.za">teresa@blazingblooms.co.za</a>

We would like to thank Mitchel Black for the sterling job had has done in running the Northern League for the past two years. Unfortunately, Mitchel has resigned from this position, which leaves the Northern League without a coordinator. If you are willing and able to take over from Mitchel next year, please contact Teresa as soon as possible.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Event Details</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Saturday 27 January	Adjudicator and Coach Training	T.B.A
Thursday 1 Feb	Closure of league registration	
Saturday 24 Feb	Seniors Rounds 1-3	Regional venues
<b>2-5 March</b>	<b>Three-term schools' mid-term: no debating</b>	
Saturday 10 March	Juniors Rounds 1-3	Regional venues
Saturday 17 March	Seniors Rounds 4-6	Regional venues
Saturday 24 March	Junior Rounds 4-6	Regional venues
Saturday 5 May	Senior League Championships rounds 1-3	T.B.A
Saturday 12 May	Junior League Championships rounds 1-3	T.B.A
Saturday 19 May	Senior League Championships rounds 4-6	T.B.A
Saturday 19 May	Junior League Championships round 4-6	T.B.A
Saturday 28 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 2018 to allow for co-ordination and communication to all participating schools.**

**Furthermore, schools that host any of the CHAMPIONSHIP rounds (5 May, 12 May, 19 May 26 May or 28 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 2018 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](http://www.sacee-jhb.co.za)).**