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What to do in preparation for the finals?

Coordinators/Coaches

- Complete and return a **Finals Acceptance Form** for each qualifying team by email or fax by **Wednesday 25 August 2010, 5:00pm**. Please contact us immediately if the team is unable to attend the finals.
- Distribute a copy of this pack to each member of the qualifying team(s).
- Collect contact details of team members so you can contact them on the day. Ensure they have James Tran's contact number: **0406 982 012**.

Debaters

- Read this pack.
- **For the Quarter Finals: Arrive at least 30 minutes before the scheduled debate time to have a team photo taken. Please arrive 15 minutes before all other debates.**
- Contact James Tran on **0406 982 012** if you are running late (please store the number in your mobile phone if you have one)
- Contact your coach or Debating SA if you have any concerns.

Dates and Venues

Please arrive 30 minutes before your Quarter Final debate and 15 minutes before other debates.

EVENT, DATE AND VENUE	DEBATE START TIMES
<p>Quarter Finals Saturday 28 August 2010 Pembroke Senior School 18 Holden Street KENSINGTON PARK SA 5068</p>	<p>Year 8: 10:30am Year 9: 11:30am 12:30pm-1:00pm Lunch Year 10: 1:30pm Senior: 2:45pm BYE FOR OPEN TEAMS.</p>
<p>Semi Finals Saturday 4 September 2010 Pembroke Senior School 18 Holden Street KENSINGTON PARK SA 5068</p>	<p>Year 8: 10:30am Year 9: 11:30am 12:30pm-1:00pm Lunch Year 10: 1:30pm Senior: Secret topic release: 1:15pm; debate 2:45pm BYE FOR OPEN TEAMS.</p>
<p>Grand Finals Saturday 18 September 2010 The House of Assembly Chamber Parliament House North Terrace ADELAIDE SA 5000</p>	<p>Year 8: 10:00am Year 9: 11:00am Year 10: 12:00pm 1:15pm Lunch Senior: 2:00pm Open: 3:30pm</p>

2010 Topics and Speaking Times

Year 8

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 4 minutes; warning bell at 3 minutes.

- Quarter Final That school students should have a say in choosing their teachers.
Semi Final That the carrot is better than the stick.
Grand Final That celebrities should be seen and not heard.

Year 9

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 5 minutes; warning bell at 4 minutes.

- Quarter Final That we should envy our grandparents.
Semi Final That too many toys spoil the brat.
Grand Final That the limelight makes people green.

Year 10

All debates are Prepared Debates. Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.

- Quarter Final That literature is lost at 140 characters.
Semi Final That Apple is really a lemon.
Grand Final That modern art is a fraud.

Senior

- Quarter Final That paid surrogacy should be legalised.
Prepared debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes.
Semi Final *Short Preparation format debate.*
Speeches of 6 minutes; warning bell at 5 minutes.
Grand Final That the dead rule the world.
Prepared debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes.

Open

- Quarter Final *Bye for all teams.*
Semi Final *Bye for all teams.*
Grand Final *Gene Patent Quodlibetical.*
Prepared debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes

Open Grand Final: Gene Patent Quodlibetical



A biotechnology company, Biomax Incorporated, has discovered the gene that can trigger a cranio lymphoma, a particularly aggressive and usually fatal form of brain cancer. The company is using this discovery to undertake further research into finding a possible cure or even vaccine for this cancer. It hopes to have this available in the next 10-15 years and in the meantime it has lodged an application in the Federal Court of Australia for the gene to be patented or legally protected so that no one else can get access to the knowledge.

A cancer patients' lobby group, called *Drive to Survive*, is launching its own legal action in the Federal Court to stop Biomax succeeding in its application to patent or claim exclusive rights of access or research over the knowledge about this gene. *Drive to Survive* argues that to privatise this knowledge and to stop other researches from accessing it would inhibit the quest for a cure or vaccine and would make any resulting drug extremely expensive. They argue that Biomax is only interested in serving its own interests and profiting from a discovery that all medical researchers should have access to. Besides, it is argued, you should only be able to patent or legal protect an invention, not a discovery and Biomax didn't 'invent' the gene.

Biomax on the other hand argue that it has spent a lot of time and money in discovering and isolating this gene, in mapping its DNA and that this knowledge is to be protected, just like any other work that would be so protected under the laws of copyright. It argues it has the best opportunity to continue working on a cure or vaccine and should be allowed to patent the discovery and to get on it. It also argues that any future drug that is developed must reasonably reflect the effort and scientific work that has gone into and makes no apology for the fact that it will 'probably cost a lot.'

Drive to Survive argues such brazen and blatant profiteering and selfishness will mean more people will die from cranio lymphoma because they'll never be able to afford the drug. They argue that the Government should legislate to stop Biomax from patenting the discovery so that all medical researchers can have access to the knowledge and hopefully be able to develop a cure and vaccine faster and more cost effectively.

Topic: That Biomax should have the right to patent its discovery of the gene.

Side Assignments for Finals

Sides and oppositions for finals are determined by team rankings as shown below. Team rankings can be viewed on the website www.debatingsa.com.au/rankings from Friday 20 August 2010.

In 2010 there is a separate side assignment arrangement for Senior division.

Quarter Finals

Debate number	Affirmative	Negative
QF1	First ranked	Eighth ranked
QF2	Second ranked	Seventh ranked
QF3	Third ranked	Sixth ranked
QF4	Fourth ranked	Fifth ranked

Semi Finals

Debate number	Affirmative	Negative
SF1	Winner QF1	Winner QF4
SF2	Winner QF2	Winner QF3

Grand Final

Debate number	Affirmative	Negative
GF	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

**Debating SA may alter the above team pairings in the case that there are less than 8 teams eligible to participate in the finals.

See below for Senior division side assignments.

Senior Division Side Assignments

First and Second ranked will proceed immediately to a Grand Final in the Open division.

Open Division Grand Final

Debate number	Affirmative	Negative
GF	First ranked	Second ranked

Therefore third ranked through tenth ranked will form the finals teams for the Senior division.

Quarter Finals

Debate number	Affirmative	Negative
QF1	Third ranked	Tenth ranked
QF2	Fourth ranked	Ninth ranked
QF3	Fifth ranked	Eighth ranked
QF4	Sixth ranked	Seventh ranked

Semi Finals

Debate number	Affirmative	Negative
SF1	Winner QF1	Winner QF4
SF2	Winner QF2	Winner QF3

Grand Final

Debate number	Affirmative	Negative
GF	Winner SF1	Winner SF2

Adjudicators

Quarter Final debates will be judged by a single adjudicator, Semi Final debates by a panel of 3 adjudicators and Grand Final debates by a panel of 5 adjudicators.

In the event that there is a panel of adjudicators, the winner will be determined by a majority vote of the panel. The decision of each individual adjudicator is secret and the overall decision final.

Individual feedback is not given by adjudicators in finals debates.