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What to do in preparation for the finals?

Coordinators/Coaches

- Complete and return an **Online Finals Acceptance Form** at www.debating.sa.com.au/finalsacceptance for each qualifying team by **Wednesday 31 August 2011, 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 if they are late. Ensure they have James Tran's contact number: **0406 982 012**.

Debaters

- Read this pack.
- **For the Quarter Finals: Arrive at least 40 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 40 minutes before your Quarter Final debate and 15 minutes before other debates.

EVENT, DATE AND VENUE	DEBATE START TIMES
<p>Quarter Finals Saturday 3 September 2011 Pembroke Senior School 18 Holden Street KENSINGTON PARK SA 5068</p>	<p>Year 8: 10:30am Year 9: 11:45am 1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch Year 10: 2:00pm Senior: 3:30pm BYE FOR OPEN TEAMS.</p>
<p>Semi Finals Saturday 10 September 2011 Pembroke Senior School 18 Holden Street KENSINGTON PARK SA 5068</p>	<p>Year 8: 10:30am Year 9: 11:45am 1:00pm-2:00pm Lunch Year 10: 2:00pm Senior: Secret topic release: 2:15pm; debate 3:45pm BYE FOR OPEN TEAMS.</p>
<p>Grand Finals Saturday 24 September 2011 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>
<p>Awards Ceremony Friday 4 November 2011 Government House North Terrace ADELAIDE SA 5000</p>	<p>The winning and runner up teams will be invited to the awards ceremony where they will be presented with a medallion by His Excellency the Governor of South Australia.</p> <p>Time: 5:00pm to 6:00pm.</p>

2011 Topics and Speaking Times

Year 8

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

Quarter Final That online shopping will be the death of retail stores.

Semi Final That beauty pageants send the wrong message.

Grand Final That movies teach us about life.

Year 9

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

Quarter Final That reality shows serve a purpose.

Semi Final That Justin Bieber is the best.

Grand Final That the mobile phone has become our master.

Year 10

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

Quarter Final That the 2011 England riots were a result of the welfare state.

Semi Final That truth is the first casualty of freedom of the press.

Grand Final That Apple is at the core of our addiction.

Senior

Quarter Final That Australia should have a carbon tax.
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 freedom of expression is the lifeblood of democracy.
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 That World Government is the solution to world problems.
Prepared debate. Speeches of 8 minutes; warning bell at 7 minutes

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.debating.com.au/rankings from Friday 26 August 2011.

In 2011 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 adjudication panels.