**Hawkes Bay Schools’ Senior Debating**

**Competition 2011**

**Please read the information below carefully. There are some important changes to how debating was organised in 2011. Changes have been highlighted.**

**Participating schools may request changes/amendments before 3.30 p.m. Friday 18th February.**

**These requests are taken under advisement but the final decision is the organisers’.**

**A final version and draw will be published by Friday 25th February**.

**Russell McVeagh**

The regional competition will be held 6th and 7th March at Lindisfarne College. Information has been posted. **It is essential that we support this great opportunity if we wish it to continue.**

The coaches of the regional team are planning a training weekend in Term 1, for adjudicators, coaches and possibly students. Again, we will pass on information as soon as we receive it. Schools who intend to debate should plan to send at least one adjudicator along to receive the training.

**Communication**

The main medium for the exchange of information will be the HBETA wiki. (<http://hbeta.wikispaces.com/>) \* Draws, moots and results will be posted there. This initial information will also be posted on-line, but will be e-mailed and faxed to schools as well.

Note: While it is the responsibility of the affirming team to post results, it is important that the negating team checks to see if this has been done and follows up if it has not.)

* \*At least the debating co-ordinator from each school will need to join this wiki. To join: go to <https://www.wikispaces.com>
* go to ‘get started’, fill in spaces, click on ‘get started’
* go to ‘Add a wiki to this list’. Type ‘hbeta’. At this point it should offer you this wiki as a choice. Click on it. After a while, this wiki should appear in your favourites, with ‘actions’ beside it. Click on ‘actions’ and it will say ‘request membership of hbeta’. Click.
* In the comment, write the name of your school (so we know who you are!), then ‘request membership’. This will need to be approved, and then you’re good to go!

**The Competition**

**Divisions**

**Junior** (organised by Hastings Girls’ High School)  
Year 9

Year 10

**Senior** (continues to be organised by St. John’s College)

Year 11

Year 12/13

Each school may enter up to 2 teams per division. (There is no Premier Grade.)

**Programme:** Because Terms 1 and 2 are longer, I’m suggesting two debates in Term 1 and 2. One prepared debate in Terms 1, 2 and 3, organised by the affirmative team and taking place at the affirmative team’s school. Here are some suggested dates which may change if they don’t suit schools. Final dates will be set in Term 1 for each debate. There will be a default date a week later, which can be used by mutual agreement by both teams. The only opportunity for discussion about these dates will be in the first two weeks after the dates are published. Teams will not be able to negotiate the dates after that. However, defaulting will not result in elimination from the grade (see below).

**AND**

One limited preparation debate to be held in each of Terms 1 & 2 at a central venue per grade. (Every grade will take place on different days). This will take place on 2 different afternoons of the week. Arrive 1 p.m., moot given, 1 hour preparation, debates held 2-3 p.m. These times will need to be modified slightly to fit the host school’s timetable.

Finals will be held early in Term 4 or late in Term 3- due to short term.

**Host Schools 2011 for 2 Limited Preparation Afternoons**

**Volunteers needed please.**

**Each school must appoint a Responsible School Organiser who must**

* Check the website and e-mail regularly and distribute to everyone who needs them.
* Carefully check draft draw and times for clashes/problems and let committee know promptly (before deadlines in Term 1).
* Organise initial meetings, draw up teams, allocate coaches, get contact details and get this information promptly back to committee.
* Be fair and professional in your dealings with other schools – everyone is stressed and busy

**Responsibilities of Affirming Coaches for Prepared Debates**

The affirming coach must contact the negating school not later than two weeks (14 days) before the date of the debate, with a time for the debate. Failure to do so will result in an automatic **default** for the affirming team.

* The affirming coach for each debate is responsible for:  
  place; time of day; adjudicator (this person must have the approval of the negative coach) and audience.

**Responsibilities of Host Schools for Limited Preparation Debates**

* Send out details to participants 2/3 weeks before the date.
* Organise rooms, adjudicators, timekeepers and chairpersons and an interested audience
* Make contact with teams via email one week out to confirm meeting point, start times and adjudicators.
* Decide on a moot
* Pass on results (full names of debaters and adjudicator and mark totals) to the co-ordinator within 24 hours of the debate being held in the following way: **add the results to the wiki by posting a response to the discussion page**. Follow the instructions on the page already. Alternatively, you can fax or e-mail the results HGHS (Juniors) Lyndie (senior). Then fax **hardcopies Senior sheets to Lyndie Balfour (06) 8781253**.

**Default** will not result in elimination from the competition. There will be a points penalty. In case of illness, a substitute may be taken from a lower, but not a higher, grade.

**Junior and Year 11 Speeches** to be 5 minutes, with 3 minutes for leaders’ replies. **Senior (Year 12/13)** will be 6 minutes, with 4 minutes for leaders’ replies.

**Finalists** to be decided on using a points system: Lose by default: 0 points. Lose: 1 point. Win by default: 2 points. Win: 3 points. In the case of a tie, the points difference for each debate will be taken into account.

**A copy of the Entry Form is attached, for return to** [lbalfour@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:lbalfour@stjohns.school.nz) (lower-case ’l’) **(Seniors).** Teams should include a reserve or 4th member.

**Seniors’ Debating dates**

**Term 1**

**Year 11 Prepared Debate**

Thursday 17th March

Default Day Thursday 24th March

**Year 12/13 Prepared Debate**

Friday 18th March

Default Day Friday 25th March

**Year 11 Limited Preparation**

Tuesday 5th April afternoon

**Year 12/13 Limited Preparation**

Wednesday 6th April.

**Term 2**

**Year 11 Prepared Debate**

Wednesday 8th June

Default Day 15th June

**Year 12/13 Prepared Debate**

Thursday 9th June

Default Day 16th June

**Limited Preparation**

Year 11 Tuesday 5th July

Year 12/13 Wednesday 6th July.

**Term 3**

**Year 11 Prepared Debate**

Tuesday 30th August

Default Day 6th September

**Year 12/13 Prepared Debates**

Wednesday 31st August

Year 12.13 Default Day 7th September

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**End of Term 3 probably (Both Seniors and Juniors)**

**Finals nights for all senior and junior grades will be held in Term 3. These finals debates will be limited preparation.**

A neutral adjudication panel of three will be arranged.