



## The 2027 All Girls Debating Championship

25 to 27 June 2027 @ Merrifield Prep & College, KuGompo (East London), South Africa

By the National Debating League

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Camaraderie  
Mentorship  
Growth



**25 to 27 June 2027**

Hosted @ Merrifield Prep & College,  
KuGompo (East London)

**Key Facts:**

**Official Hotel Accommodation**

@ Premier Hotel ICC



**Multiple team entries possible**

Each team should consist of 3-5 members and be accompanied by an educator/adjudicator.

**Recognition**

Trophies and medals for top performers.  
Certificates for everyone.





## Introduction

Greetings from the National Debating League. We work with over 200 schools across South Africa to run structured and competitive debating programs. With the help of over 300 educators, our tournaments give primary and secondary school students an opportunity to find their voice, learn more about the world around them, and embark on a journey of growth and camaraderie with their teammates.

## 2027 All Girls Debating Championship

Debating is more than just a competition — it is a powerful tool for building confidence, teamwork, and lifelong connections. With your support, the NDL is expanding debating opportunities for girls across South Africa and beyond.

At the All-Girls Debating Championship, participants embark on a shared journey: sharpening their communication skills, deepening their knowledge of the world, and forming lasting friendships across diverse communities. The event fosters camaraderie and belonging while celebrating the spirit of competition.

For experienced teams: a chance to stretch their abilities and test themselves against some of South Africa's strongest debaters. For new teams: a supportive environment where guidance and mentorship nurture growth and confidence.

**Conquer your fears.**



## Teams and Age Divisions

Each team should consist of between 3 and 5 members.

For each team entered, the school will need to bring a teacher who is willing to join our adjudication panels.

These are the possible age divisions for teams to compete in:

- Group A: Grade 10+ (Max 8 mins per speech)
- Group B: Grade 8-9 (Max 6 mins per speech)
- Group C: Grade 6-7 (Max 4 mins per speech)
- Group D: Grade 4-5 (Max 4 mins per speech)

Each time a team debates, they will field 3 speakers. One of their members will either serve as the chairperson or timekeeper of the debate. All teams will compete in at least 5 rounds of debate.

## Preparation

Students will have 40-60 minutes to prepare their speeches before each round of debate. During this time they will not be allowed to use electronic devices, but they may use any printed material they have. We will provide teams with stopwatches.

## Mentorship

Are you an experienced debater? Sign up to become a mentor to a Junior team. Impart experience, support them through the highs and lows, and share your passion.

**Find your voice.**



Join a community  
of passionate  
educators.

## Professional Development

Many of our adjudicators are teachers. Some are even school principals!

Becoming an adjudicator gives you a unique opportunity to sharpen your own professional skillset.

You will work with a co-judge in every debate. Through doing this multiple times a year, our adjudicators have become skilled at building consensus with their peer and understanding different perspectives.

Over time, our adjudicators also become exceptionally good at expressing their perspectives, giving constructive critique, and understanding where the crux of an issue can be found.

Finally, adjudication also gives you practice in listening to and comparing large volumes of information quickly.

## Core Skills for an Adjudicator

Our most successful adjudicators have mastered the ability to separate their personal opinions from the arguments they are listening to.

They have also become great at listening and taking notes—we can't expect the human mind to remember *everything*!



## Schedule Overview

The full schedule will be available at:  
<https://ndl.org.za/tours/all-girls/schedule>.

In summary:

Friday, 25 June 2027:

14:00 — Hotel Check-in Opens

18:30 — Opening Ceremony/Dinner/Ice Breakers

Saturday, 26 June 2027:

08:00 to 15:00 — Rounds 1 to 3

15:00 to 18:00 — Sightseeing Tour

18:00 — Dinner

Sunday, 27 June 2027:

08:00 to 18:30 — Rounds 4 & 5, SF/Finals, Awards

18:30 — Dinner

Explore.



**Build ambition  
and resilience.**

## Awards

At the end of the championship we will recognize our top performing speakers and teams with medals, certificates and (sometimes) trophies. All recorded speakers will receive a participation certificate. All educators and coaches will receive certificates of recognition for their contributions to the community.

## Registration for Out-Of-Town Teams

If your school is traveling into Johannesburg for this competition, the registration package will include:

- Participation;
- Return airport transfers (from King Phalo Airport);
- Room bookings at the Premier Hotel ICC from 25 June to 28 June.
- All meals starting with dinner on 25 June to breakfast on 27 June;
- Tournament merchandize;
- A sightseeing trip;

Pricing is *per person* and depends on how many occupants you allocate to a room.

When individuals share rooms, the price is ZAR 7,000 per person. When an individual has a room to themselves, it is ZAR 10,000 per person.

## Registration for KuGompo (East London)-based teams

KuGompo-based teams pay a lower registration rate per person. Their package excludes accommodation and some meals.

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