



## The 2026 Maputo Debating Championship

From the National Debating League

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**Build teamwork and critical thinking.**



### **Confidence**

Your debaters will overcome their fears of public speaking and become more comfortable in their own skin.

### **Camaraderie and Teamwork**

Debates are won through the collective effort of the team, and everyone has a unique role to play.



### **Friendships and Social Skills**

Debating is an inherently social sport. Your debaters will meet dozens of new likeminded people from their city and across the country.

### **Resilience**

Your debaters will learn how to handle victory and loss in a supportive (but competitive) environment.





**Conquer your fears.**

## Introduction

Greetings from the National Debating League. We work with over 220 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.

Our largest league is in Cape Town, where our top performing schools include Bishops, Elkanah House, Parklands College, Rondebosch Boys High and Wynberg Girls Junior School.

## Bringing the NDL to Mozambique

The NDL will hold the Maputo Debating Championship on 5-6 September 2026 at Maputo International School (MIS). We are deeply grateful to MIS for making this possible.

Participation is open to teams of all skill levels. Experienced teams will be challenged and prepared for entry into our international competitions. Less experienced teams will find a supportive environment, where we all understand that great speakers are nurtured, not born.

There will be four age divisions:

Group A (Grade 10+) | Group B (Grade 8-9)

Group C (Grade 6-7) | Group D (Grade 4-5)

Schools can field multiple teams per division, and each team may consist of between 3 and 5 members.



## Competition Outline

In advance of the competition, schools will receive training booklets, online resources and recordings of sample debates. This will assist educators in training their students.

Two debate topics will be released in advance. This will make it possible for teams to research the most complicated topics and prepare speeches in advance.

Three topics will only be announced at the competition. In these cases, students will need to independently formulate cases and speeches using their general knowledge and any paper-based resources they have. These debates emphasize independent and creative thinking.

We understand that some schools will want to practice their skills before arriving at the competition. To make this possible, we are open to arranging friendly matches online against our schools in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

Each competition day will run from 8am to 6pm. Teams will only compete with teams in their own age division. The first day will start with a training session for all educators and debaters, followed by 3 preliminary debates. The second day will consist of 2 more preliminary debates, a semi-final, and final. The day will end with an awards ceremony.

Find your voice.



## 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*!

Join a community  
of passionate  
educators.



## Further Competition

We offer several avenues for further competition.

Top performing teams will receive invitations to represent Mozambique at our international tournaments.

The 2027 Pan-African Debating Championship will be held in Durban, South Africa. We also run international tournaments in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Luanda (Angola), and Lusaka (Zambia).

Understand new  
perspectives.



**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.

## Registering & Participating

Schools can handle registrations at: [admin.ndl.org.za/register](https://admin.ndl.org.za/register). Alternatively, schools may ask parents to manage payments directly with the NDJ. Parents can register and pay for their children at: [admin.ndl.org.za/maputo-reg](https://admin.ndl.org.za/maputo-reg)

Schools are able to field multiple teams per division, and each team may consist of between 3 and 5 members. Each team will compete in a minimum of 5 debates throughout the competition weekend. For each team entered, the school will need to supply an educator who will join our adjudication pool. They will receive training at the event.

There are no registration fees for educators who judge debates. The registration fee per speaker is MZN 3,000.

The registration fee includes participation, meals and snacks on both days, tournament merchandise, and any prizes won (medals, trophies, etc).

# Join our community of over 220 schools



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**Maputo International School**  
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Africa



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Africa



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Africa



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Copperleaf**  
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Africa



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Africa



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School**  
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Africa



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South Africa



**Reddam House  
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Cape Town, South  
Africa



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Cape Town, South  
Africa



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**South African College School**  
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Johannesburg, South Africa



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Johannesburg, South Africa



**St Cyprian's School**  
Cape Town, South Africa



**St David's Marist Inanda**  
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**St Dunstan's College**  
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**St George's Diocesan School**  
Windhoek, Namibia



**St George's Preparatory School**  
Gqeberha, South Africa



**St Ignatius College**  
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**St Mary's School Waverley**  
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Cape Town, South Africa



**Stepping Stone Junior School**  
Komani, South Africa



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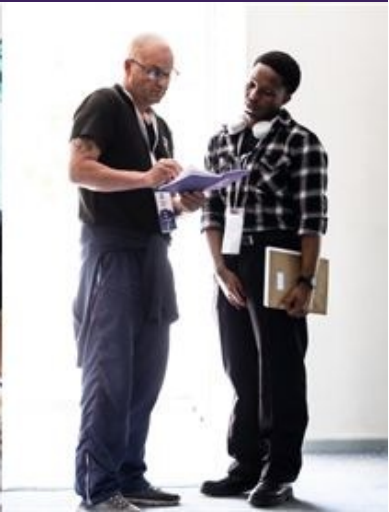
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# Join passionate educators



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**Woodhill College**  
Pretoria, South Africa



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Cape Town, South Africa



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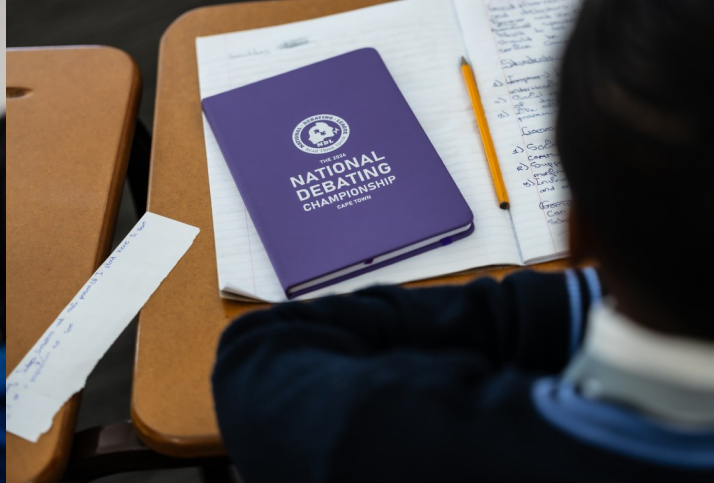


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# We look forward to making memories with you



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