

The Zambian Debating League

Held Across Zambia: 2027 Season Information Booklet

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Camaraderie,
Mentorship,
Growth.

Why Debate?



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.





Join a community of over 240 schools.

Upcoming Rounds



Lusaka Debating Championship

20-21 February 2027 | Venue TBA

The NDL's fourth championship in Lusaka. Many of our Lusaka schools have competed internationally.

Solwezi Debating Championship

27-28 February 2027 | Trident College

The NDL's very first championship in Solwezi. Become a founding member of this region.





Livingstone Debating Championship

More information will be announced when a venue and dates have been finalized.

Want to host a championship in your region?

Reach out to thishin@ndl.org.za. All we need is a hall, as many classrooms as possible, and assistance arranging catering.





Conquer your fears.

Introduction

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." - Nelson Mandela

Greetings from the National Debating League. We work with over 240 schools across South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda to run structured and competitive debating programs.

With the help of over 400 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.

Some of our top performing Zambian schools include Lusaka Oaktree School, the Italian School of Lusaka, St Mary's School for Girls, and Martin House School. Thousands of debaters compete in our programs annually.

The NDL's Zambian Deabting League

The NDL has historically held it's championship events in Lusaka. In 2027, we will run events across multiple regions of Zambia to create a national league. We will hold events in Lusaka, Solwezi, Livingstone, and other cities.

Top performing teams will earn their place in a National Championship later in the year. They will also earn invitations to represent Zambia internationally.

Our national roll-out will bring debating closer to schools across Zambia and grow the debating community.



Find your voice.

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.

Speech 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.

Prepared Topics

Each division will recieve 2 prepared motions in advance.

These topics will be available on our website (ndl.org.za)



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!



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 Fees

The registration fee is ZMW 1,400 per student. There are no fees for adjudicators. There *are* fees for adults who do not adjudicate.

Schools require at least one adjudicator per team entered. If a school is short of judges, we are able to arrange extra judges at ZMW 2,500 per judge.

Registration for all regions can be completed online at admin.ndl.org.za/register. Our online system will collect your details and automatically create an invoice.

Further Competition

Top performing teams will receive invitations to compete at the NDL's National Championship for Zambia. This will be scheduled for the second half of 2027.

Top teams will also recieve invitations to the NDL's Pan-African Debating Championship in Namibia and our Open Tournaments in Cape Town (August) and Johannesburg (November).

Join over 230 schools



Abbotts High School - JHB South
Johannesburg, South Africa

Al Nur School
Gaborone, Botswana

Alexandra High School
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Althorpe College
KuGompo City (East London), South Africa

Amazing Grace Private School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Amberfield College
Centurion, South Africa

American International School of Cape Town
Cape Town, South Africa

Ashford Academy
Lusaka, Zambia

Ashleighs Academy
Mbombela, South Africa

Ashton International Benoni
Benoni, South Africa

Assumption Convent School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Aurora Colégio Internacional
Luanda, Angola

Banani International School
Liteta, Zambia

Beaulieu College
Johannesburg, South Africa

Bergvliet Primary School
Cape Town, South Africa

BESA Leadership Academy
Johannesburg, South Africa

Bishops Diocesan College
Cape Town, South Africa

Blouberg International School
Cape Town, South Africa

Bloubergrant High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Brackenfell High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Braeside International School
Nairobi, Kenya

Bridge House School
Somerset West, South Africa

Bridge House School
Franschhoek, South Africa

Bryanston Primary School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Bushwillow Private Academy
Komatipoort, South Africa

Busy Bees Junior Primary School
Gcuwa (Butterworth), South Africa

Camps Bay High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Cannons Creek Independent School
Cape Town, South Africa

Cedar House
Cape Town, South Africa

Centre of Excellence
KuGompo City (East London), South Africa

Compete with thousands of debaters



Centro de Formação Know-How
Lubango, Angola

Charter College International High School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Childhood Joy Academy
Lusaka, Zambia

Christ Church Preparatory School and College
Johannesburg, South Africa

Christian Academy Mozambique
Maputo, Mozambique

Christian Brothers' College Boksburg
Johannesburg, South Africa

Claremont High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Colegio Angolano de Talatona
Luanda, Angola

Colégio Kalabo Internacional
Luanda, Angola

Collegiate Junior School for Girls
Gqeberha, South Africa

Crawford International Lonehill
Johannesburg, South Africa

Crawford International Pretoria
Pretoria, South Africa

Crawford International School Tatu City
Nairobi, Kenya

Curro Century City Primary School
Cape Town, South Africa

Curro Delft High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Curro Serengeti High School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Damacrest Academy
Kikuyu, Kenya

Danville Park Girls' High School
Durban, South Africa

DF Akademie
Cape Town, South Africa

Durban Girls' College
Durban, South Africa

Durban High School
Durban, South Africa

Edgemead High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Egerton Primary School
Ladysmith, South Africa

El Shaddai Christian School
Cape Town, South Africa

Elkanah House
Cape Town, South Africa

English Friendship Youth Club Of Angola
Luanda, Angola

Erica Girls' Primary School
Gqeberha, South Africa

Fairbairn College
Cape Town, South Africa

Fairmont High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Fish Hoek High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Work alongside over 400 educators



Fred Norman Secondary School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Future Nation Schools Fleurhof
Johannesburg, South Africa

Get Ahead College
Komani, South Africa

Gordon Road Girls' School
Durban, South Africa

Grace Trinity School for Girls
Johannesburg, South Africa

Grandeur International School
Maputo, Mozambique

Greensteds International School
Nakuru, Kenya

Halfway House Primary School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Hartbeespoort High School
Hartbeespoort, South Africa

Herschel Girls' School
Cape Town, South Africa

Herzlia High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Herzlia Highlands Primary School
Cape Town, South Africa

Herzlia Weizmann Primary
Cape Town, South Africa

Hoërskool Akasia
Pretoria, South Africa

Hoërskool Bergvlam
Mbombela, South Africa

Hoërskool Birchleigh
Kempton Park, South Africa

Hoërskool Garsfontein
Pretoria, South Africa

Hoërskool Hangklip
Komani, South Africa

Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck
Cape Town, South Africa

Hoërskool Jeugland
Kempton Park, South Africa

Hoërskool President High School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Holy Family College
Johannesburg, South Africa

International School of Cape Town
Cape Town, South Africa

International School of Kigali
Kigali, Rwanda

International School of Lusaka
Lusaka, Zambia

Intsebenziswano Senior Secondary School
Cape Town, South Africa

Italian School of Lusaka
Lusaka, Zambia

Jeppe High Preparatory School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Kimberley Islamic School
Kimberley, South Africa

Kimberley Private Academy
Kimberley, South Africa

Meet people from over 50 towns/cities



King Edward VII Preparatory School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Kitengela International School
Kitengela, Kenya

Light Academy Secondary School
Kampala, Uganda

Limit Hill Combined School
Ladysmith, South Africa

Loreto Convent School
Pretoria, South Africa

Lorraine Primary School
Gqeberha, South Africa

Lusaka Oaktree School
Lusaka, Zambia

Lycée Français Alioune Blondin Beye à Luanda
Luanda, Angola

Lycée Français International Gustave-Eiffel
Maputo, Mozambique

Lyttelton Manor High school
Pretoria, South Africa

Machabeng College, International School of Lesotho
Maseru, Lesotho

Maputo International College
Maputo, Mozambique

Maputo International School
Maputo, Mozambique

Marist Brothers Linmeyer
Johannesburg, South Africa

Martin House College
Chisamba, Zambia

Melkbosstrand High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Merrifield Preparatory School
KuGompo City (East London), South Africa

Michael Oak Waldorf School
Cape Town, South Africa

Michaelhouse
Natal Midlands, South Africa

Michiefield Primary School
KuGompo City (East London), South Africa

Micklefield School
Cape Town, South Africa

Milnerton High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Moi Girls School Nairobi
Nairobi, Kenya

Mokopane English Combined School
Mokopane, South

Monument Primary School
Ladysmith, South Africa

Mount Kenya Academy
King'ong'o, Kenya

Myngenoegen English Private School
Polokwane, South Africa

New Millennium High School
Maseru, Lesotho

Newton House College
Johannesburg, South Africa

Nizamiye School Midrand
Johannesburg, South Africa

Build connnections across 11 countries



NMA Schools
Johannesburg, South Africa

Noorder-Paarl Secondary School
Paarl, South Africa

Norman Henshilwood High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Northlands Girls High School
Durban, South Africa

Northlands Primary School
Durban, South Africa

Northwood School
Durban, South Africa

Nova Pioneer Boys High School
Eldoret, Kenya

Nova Pioneer Boys High School - Tatu City Campus
Tatu City, Kenya

Nova Pioneer Girls High School - Eldoret Campus
Eldoret, Kenya

Nova Pioneer Midrand Senior School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Nova Pioneer Ormonde Primary
Johannesburg, South Africa

Oakmeade Prep and Academy
Meyerton, South Africa

Oude Molen Technical High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Our Lady of Fatima Dominican Convent School
Durban, South Africa

Our Lady Of Lebanon Maronite Catholic School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Paras & Sia International School
Biera, Mozambique

Parklands College
Cape Town, South Africa

Parktown Boys High School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Parktown Girls High School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Parkview Senior School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Parrow High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Parsons Hill Primary School
Gqeberha, South Africa

Penryn College
Mbombela, South Africa

Pharos School
Jeffreys Bay, South Africa

Pinelands High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Pinewood Preparatory School
Lusaka, Zambia

Pinnacle College Copperleaf
Pretoria, South Africa

Pretoria Boys High School
Pretoria, South Africa

Pretoria Technical High School
Pretoria, South Africa

Prinshof School for the Visually Impaired
Pretoria, South Africa

Join a growing community.



Protea Heights Academy
Cape Town, South Africa

Queen's College Boys' High School
Komani, South Africa

Qumanco Great Place Primary
Qumanco, South Africa

Qurtuba Islamic Academy
Johannesburg, South Africa

Rainbow Preparatory Academy
Tsomo, South Africa

Rallim Modern Learning Environment
Cape Town, South Africa

Reddam House Atlantic Seaboard
Cape Town, South Africa

Reddam House Bedfordview
Johannesburg, South Africa

Reddam House Constantia
Cape Town, South Africa

Reddam House Durbanville
Cape Town, South Africa

Reddford House Blue Hills
Midrand, South Africa

Regis Runda Academy
Nairobi, Kenya

Riara Springs Girls High School
Nairobi, Kenya

Ridgewood College
Benoni, South Africa

Riverside College
Cape Town, South Africa

Roedean School (SA)
Johannesburg, South Africa

Rondebosch Boys' High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Roodepan Primary School
Kimberley, South Africa

Rose of Sharon Academy
Nairobi, Kenya

Rustenburg Girls' High School
Cape Town, South Africa

SA College Private School
Pretoria, South Africa

Sacred Heart College
Johannesburg, South Africa

SAHETI School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Saint Mary's Secondary School - Lusaka
Lusaka, Zambia

Sandton School Group
Johannesburg, South Africa

Sans Souci Girls' High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Simba International School
Ndola, Zambia

Simon's Town School
Cape Town, South Africa

Siyabulela Primary School
Cape Town, South Africa

Soneike Private School
Cape Town, South Africa

Join a caring community.



South African College Junior School
Cape Town, South Africa

South African College School
Cape Town, South Africa

South Peninsula High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Southbourne Primary School
Komani, South Africa

Southdowns College
Centurion, South Africa

Springfield Convent Junior School
Cape Town, South Africa

Springfield Convent Senior School
Cape Town, South Africa

Springs Boys' High School
Johannesburg, South Africa

St Alban's College
Pretoria, South Africa

St Andrew's School for Boys, Bloemfontein
Bloemfontein, South Africa

St Andrew's School for Girls
Johannesburg, South Africa

St Benedict's College
Johannesburg, South Africa

St Cyprian's School
Cape Town, South Africa

St David's Marist Inanda
Johannesburg, South Africa

St Dunstan's College
Johannesburg, South Africa

St George's Diocesan School
Windhoek, Namibia

St George's Preparatory School
Gqeberha, South Africa

St Ignatius College
Lusaka, Zambia

St John's Preparatory
Johannesburg, South Africa

St Joseph's Marist College
Cape Town, South Africa

St Mary's DSG, Kloof
Durban, South Africa

St Mary's School Waverley
Johannesburg, South Africa

St Nicholas Diocesan School
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

St. Declan's School for Boys
Johannesburg, South Africa

Star College Durban
Durban, South Africa

Stellenberg High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Stepping Stone Junior School
Komani, South Africa

Steyn City School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Stirling High School
East London (KuGompo City), South Africa

Summerhill Prep & College
Johannesburg, South Africa

Join a thoughtful community.



Taal-Net Primary and High School Midrand
Johannesburg, South Africa

Table View High School
Cape Town, South Africa

The Diocesan School for Girls
Makhanda, South Africa

The Grove Primary School
Cape Town, South Africa

The Pinelands Primary
Cape Town, South Africa

The Ridge School
Johannesburg, South Africa

The Wykeham Collegiate
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

Thembani Primary School
Cape Town, South Africa

Think Tank
Johannesburg, South Africa

Trichardt School for Christian Education
Maputo, Mozambique

Tygerberg High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Uplands
White River, South Africa

UWC East Africa
Arusha, Tanzania

Vaal Triangle Preparatory School
Vanderbijlpark, South Africa

Walmer West Primary School
Gqeberha, South Africa

Waterstone College
Johannesburg, South Africa

Westerford High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Western Province Preparatory School
Cape Town, South Africa

Woodford Primary School
Bergville, South Africa

Woodhill College
Pretoria, South Africa

Wynberg Boys' High School
Cape Town, South Africa

Wynberg Girls' Junior School
Cape Town, South Africa

Yellow Wood Environmental Prep School
Johannesburg, South Africa

Zwaanswyk Academy
Cape Town, South Africa