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Dear Junior Certificate Debating Coaches,

Welcome to the Junior Certificate grade of the Wellington Speaking Union (**WSU**) Intercollegiate competition. I hope you are looking forwards to another exciting year of debating.

This letter and its attachments should give you all the necessary information for coaching a team in 2011. Please **read it carefully** and keep it in a safe place for future reference. For more information, please also refer to the WSU website: [www.wsu.co.nz](http://www.wsu.co.nz).

### **1. Contact details**

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### **2. Pools**

As in past years this grade has been divided into 3 pools: **Hutt Valley**; **Wellington Central** and **Northern Suburbs**.

Please refer to the attached draw to find out your pool, topics, opposing teams and designated dates for debates. I apologise that there are byes in each pool's rounds, however due to numbers this was unfortunately the only way the draw could work. Byes will be counted as wins.

### **3. Debating Dates**

This can be one of the more frustrating aspects of debating. I would be grateful if all coaches could please read the following section carefully – and indeed for your tolerance and flexibility in resolving the problems this issue will inevitably pose throughout the year.

Your college debating convenor will have received a list of dates for the debates. For ease of reference these are listed on the attached draw and are also available online at [www.wsu.co.nz](http://www.wsu.co.nz).

Last year an octo-final round was added to reflect the greater number of entries the competition had received. The WSU feels that in allowing 16, rather than 8, teams to progress to final rounds the competition was made fairer because a greater number of teams had a chance of winning. For this reason its inclusion will continue.

Debate dates have been planned with reference to the school term. As you will be aware term dates have been moved in 2011 due to the Rugby World Cup; the debating calendar has been modified to reflect this. The dates do **not** accommodate for things like school camps, productions, sporting fixtures or school-specific holidays.

**Please take the time now to look over these dates carefully.** If you identify a problem with any of the dates of rounds, please contact the relevant opposing coach as soon as possible to try and arrange an alternative date. This will save a LOT of trouble down the track.

In the event that it is difficult for your team to debate on the designated date, you may liaise with the coach of the opposing team **at least seven days prior** to the designated date in order to try and reschedule. If a compromise date cannot be found, the team which was originally unable to debate on the designated date **must** default. **While I expect schools should be as accommodating to one another as possible, at the end of the day this is non-negotiable.**

Rescheduled debates **must** occur in the same week as the originally designated date. If debating in the same week as the originally-scheduled date proves impossible then please let me know. I will be prepared to grant exemptions to the rule on a case-by-case basis. However, this will depend on how long coaches have left it before notifying the opposing team and what efforts have been made already to find a solution. The convenor's discretion in this regard will be final.

**NB. Because there is only one set of topics for Limited Preparation and Impromptu Rounds (Rounds 3 and 4), these rounds must be completed on their designated dates. If you cannot complete these rounds on these dates, you must default.**

#### **4. Hosting a Debate**

The school **affirming** the debate will be the host. It is the responsibility of the host school to:

- Liaise with the opposing team **at least seven days prior** to the debate to arrange a time for the debate;
- set up the room;
- provide a person to chair the debate;
- provide a bell and stopwatch (or suitable alternatives) for the chair/timekeeper; and
- provide two copies of the adjudication sheet (these can be downloaded from [www.wsu.co.nz](http://www.wsu.co.nz)).

In the case of the **Impromptu Round** (Round 4) where the affirmative team is not determined until the day, one school per debate will be designated in the draw as host. **NB** - The host school will also be responsible for organizing extra preparation rooms.

Topics and guidelines for the **limited preparation and impromptu rounds** will be sent to host

schools on the dates indicated in the debating calendar of events. Topic envelopes must not be opened or discussed prior to the debate.

## 5. Adjudicators

The host school shall have ultimate responsibility for organising an adjudicator.

You will note on our list of adjudicators that we have introduced 'WSU Adjudicators' in 2011. These are adjudicators which the WSU has approved as qualified to judge all school level debates. They charge \$30 per debate to adjudicate. There is no expectation on schools to use them, they are merely an option. Schools can pay the adjudicators directly or WSU can process receipts if necessary.

For the Junior Certificate grade, I would encourage you to use senior students as adjudicators where possible. Where this is the case, the first preference shall be for a joint-adjudication panel made up of one senior student from each of the schools involved in the debate. **NB – If the host school wishes to arrange for a joint senior student panel, it must notify the opposition school at least 7 days prior to the debate.**

The second preference shall be for a single senior student from a neutral 3<sup>rd</sup> School.

In the event that neither of these options is possible, and you are not able to access a WSU Adjudicator, debates *may* be adjudicated by a senior student from one of the schools involved in the debate. **This option may only be exercised where a joint panel has first been offered to the visiting school.** NB - this same rule also applies where a teacher from one of the schools involved in the debate is used as an adjudicator.

For the avoidance of doubt: coaches may not adjudicate their own team under any circumstances.

Adjudicators **MUST** decide a winner. There are no "draws."

## 6. Speaking times

For all debates except the impromptu round speeches are **6 minutes** with a single bell at 4 minutes and a double bell at 6 minutes. Leaders' summaries are **3 minutes** with a single bell at 2 minutes and a double bell at 3 minutes.

For Impromptu Round debates, speeches are **4 minutes** with a single bell at 3 minutes and a double bell at 4 minutes. Leaders' summaries are **2 minutes** with a single bell at 1 minute and a double bell at 2 minutes.

## 7. After a debate

**NB. Last year a new system was introduced for the collection of results.** The feedback WSU received on this was positive. It is easily accessible online and allows you to electronically input

results. Simply log on to [www.wsu.co.nz](http://www.wsu.co.nz) to access this and fill it in.

After each debate, the coach of the winning team must fill out this form **by the end of the week**. Please be prompt in submitting your details – this is one of the largest delays in organising the grade and the new form has been designed to make submitting results much easier

If FOR WHATEVER REASON, the results form does not seem to be working then as an alternative please email your result to [results@wsu.co.nz](mailto:results@wsu.co.nz). These emails should have the simple subject line as follows:

*“Jnr Cert Round [X]: [Team A] **beat** [Team B]”*

This is all that should be required for quick processing of results.

**NB: I do not require adjudication sheets to be sent in, however please keep copies for your own records.**

## 8. Topics

A full list of this year’s debate topics is included with the attached draw.

The first debate topic is:

***“That New Zealand needs a new flag.”***

## 9. Further Information

The following information can also be found on the WSU website:

- Draws and designated dates
- contact list of the various coaches and convenors for each grade,
- contact list of possible adjudicators,
- letters from convenors,
- Information sheets detailing rules and procedure for Limited Preparation and Impromptu debates and Speaking Times.

Good luck, and have a great year

Nicola Wood  
**Convenor, Junior Certificate Grade 2011**



**JUNIOR CERTIFICATE DEBATING DRAW 2011  
HUTT VALLEY POOL**

**ROUND ONE**

**Affirmative**

St. Oran's 2  
Sacred Heart 2  
Sacred Heart 3  
HIBS 2  
Silverstream  
HVHS  
Wainuiomata  
St. Bernard's 2  
Taita 2  
*St. Oran's 1*

**Negative**

Chilton 2  
Taita 1  
St. Bernard's 1  
HIBS 3  
Sacred Heart 1  
Chilton 1  
Upper Hutt 1  
HIBS 1  
Upper Hutt 2  
*Bye*

**ROUND TWO**

**Affirmative**

Chilton 2  
Taita 1  
St. Bernard's 1  
HIBS 3  
Sacred Heart 1  
Chilton 1  
Upper Hutt 1  
HIBS 1  
Upper Hutt 2  
*Bye*

**Negative**

St. Oran's 1  
St. Oran's 2  
Sacred Heart 2  
Sacred Heart 3  
HIBS 2  
Silverstream  
HVHS  
Wainuiomata  
St. Bernard's 2  
*Taita 2*

**ROUND THREE**

**Affirmative**

Taita 2  
St. Oran's 1  
St. Oran's 2  
Sacred Heart 2  
Sacred Heart 3  
HIBS 2  
Silverstream  
HVHS  
Wainuiomata  
*St. Bernard's 2*

**Negative**

Chilton 2  
Taita 1  
St. Bernard's 1  
HIBS 3  
Sacred Heart 1  
Chilton 1  
Upper Hutt 1  
HIBS 1  
Upper Hutt 2  
*Bye*

**ROUND FOUR**

**Host School**

Chilton 2  
Taita 1  
St. Bernard's 1  
HIBS 3  
Sacred Heart 1  
Chilton 1  
Upper Hutt 1  
HIBS 1  
Upper Hutt 2  
*Bye*

**Visiting School**

St. Bernard's 2  
Taita 2  
St. Oran's 1  
St. Oran's 2  
Sacred Heart 2  
Sacred Heart 3  
HIBS 2  
Silverstream  
HVHS  
*Wainuiomata*

**ROUND FIVE**

**Affirmative**

Wainuiomata  
St. Bernard's 2  
Taita 2  
St. Oran's 1  
St. Oran's 2  
Sacred Heart 2  
Sacred Heart 3  
HIBS 2  
Silverstream  
*HVHS*

**Negative**

Chilton 2  
Taita 1  
St. Bernard's 1  
HIBS 3  
Sacred Heart 1  
Chilton 1  
Upper Hutt 1  
HIBS 1  
Upper Hutt 2  
*Bye*

**JUNIOR CERTIFICATE DEBATING DRAW 2010  
WELLINGTON POOL**

**ROUND ONE**

**Affirmative**

Marsden 1  
St. Mary's 1  
Marsden 2  
Wellington College 2  
St. Catherine's  
Wellington College 1  
Queen Margaret 1  
Wellington College 3  
Marsden 3  
Wellington College 4  
St. Mary's 2  
Scots 1  
*Queen Margaret 2*

**Negative**

Wellington Girls' 2  
Wellington Girls' 1  
Wellington East 2  
St. Patrick's 3  
St. Patrick's 4  
Wellington Girls' 3  
St. Patrick's 2  
Wellington East 1  
St. Patrick's 5  
Scots 2  
St. Patrick's 1  
Wellington High  
*Bye*

**ROUND TWO**

**Affirmative**

Wellington Girls' 2  
Wellington Girls' 1  
Wellington East 2  
St. Patrick's 3  
St. Patrick's 4  
Wellington Girls' 3  
St. Patrick's 2  
Wellington East 1  
St. Patrick's 5  
Scots 2  
St. Patrick's 1  
Wellington High  
*Bye*

**Negative**

Queen Margaret 2  
Marsden 1  
St. Mary's 1  
Marsden 2  
Wellington College 2  
St. Catherine's  
Wellington College 1  
Queen Margaret 1  
Wellington College 3  
Marsden 3  
Wellington College 4  
St. Mary's 2  
*Scots 1*

**ROUND THREE**

**Affirmative**

Scots 1  
Queen Margaret 2  
Marsden 1  
St. Mary's 1  
Marsden 2  
Wellington College 2  
St. Catherine's  
Wellington College 1  
Queen Margaret 1  
Wellington College 3  
Marsden 3  
Wellington College 4  
*St. Mary's 2*

**Negative**

Wellington Girls' 2  
Wellington Girls' 1  
Wellington East 2  
St. Patrick's 3  
St. Patrick's 4  
Wellington Girls' 3  
St. Patrick's 2  
Wellington East 1  
St. Patrick's 5  
Scots 2  
St. Patrick's 1  
Wellington High  
*Bye*

**ROUND FOUR**

**Host School**

Wellington Girls' 2  
Wellington Girls' 1  
Wellington East 2  
St. Patrick's 3  
St. Patrick's 4  
Wellington Girls' 3  
St. Patrick's 2  
Wellington East 1  
St. Patrick's 5  
Scots 2  
St. Patrick's 1  
Wellington High  
*Bye*

**Visiting School**

St. Mary's 2  
Scots 1  
Queen Margaret 2  
Marsden 1  
St. Mary's 1  
Marsden 2  
Wellington College 2  
St. Catherine's  
Wellington College 1  
Queen Margaret 1  
Wellington College 3  
Marsden 3  
*Wellington College 4*

**ROUND FIVE**

**Affirmative**

Wellington College 4  
St. Mary's 2  
Scots 1  
Queen Margaret 2  
Marsden 1  
St. Mary's 1  
Marsden 2  
Wellington College 2  
St. Catherine's  
Wellington College 1  
Queen Margaret 1  
Wellington College 3  
*Marsden 3*

**Negative**

Wellington Girls' 2  
Wellington Girls' 1  
Wellington East 2  
St. Patrick's 3  
St. Patrick's 4  
Wellington Girls' 3  
St. Patrick's 2  
Wellington East 1  
St. Patrick's 5  
Scots 2  
St. Patrick's 1  
Wellington High  
*Bye*

**JUNIOR CERTIFICATE DEBATING DRAW 2010  
NORTHERN SUBURBS POOL**

**ROUND ONE**

**Affirmative**

Paraparaumu 1  
Onslow  
Tawa 1  
Aotea 3  
Tawa 3  
Newlands  
*Bye*

**Negative**

Kapiti  
Tawa 2  
Paraparaumu 2  
Aotea 2  
Porirua  
Bishop Viard  
*Aotea 1*

**ROUND TWO**

**Affirmative**

Aotea 1  
Kapiti  
Tawa 2  
Paraparaumu 2  
Aotea 2  
Porirua  
*Bishop Viard*

**Negative**

Paraparaumu 1  
Onslow  
Tawa 1  
Aotea 3  
Tawa 3  
Newlands  
*Bye*

**ROUND THREE**

**Affirmative**

Paraparaumu 1  
Onslow  
Tawa 1  
Aotea 3  
Tawa 3  
Newlands  
*Bye*

**Negative**

Bishop Viard  
Aotea 1  
Kapiti  
Tawa 2  
Paraparaumu 2  
Aotea 2  
*Porirua*

**ROUND FOUR**

**Host School**

Porirua  
Bishop Viard  
Aotea 1  
Kapiti  
Tawa 2  
Paraparaumu 2  
*Aotea 2*

**Visiting School**

Paraparaumu 1  
Onslow  
Tawa 1  
Aotea 3  
Tawa 3  
Newlands  
*Bye*

**ROUND FIVE**

**Affirmative**

Paraparaumu 1  
Onslow  
Tawa 1  
Aotea 3  
Tawa 3  
Newlands  
*Bye*

**Negative**

Aotea 2  
Porirua  
Bishop Viard  
Aotea 1  
Kapiti  
Tawa 2  
*Paraparaumu 2*



## Topics and DATES FOR DEBATES

**Round One:** Wed 16 March **That New Zealand needs a new flag.**

**Round Two:** Wed 11 May **That Auckland should be the capital of New Zealand.**

**Round Three:** Wed 25 May Limited Preparation (Topic advised on the day)

**Round Four:** Wed 8 June Impromptu (Topic advised on the day)

**Round Five:** Wed 10 August **That all major sporting events should be free to air.**

**Octo-Finals:** Wed 24 Aug Limited Preparation (Topic advised on the day)

**Quarter-Finals:** Wed 14 Sept **That young people are growing up too fast.**

**Semi-Finals:** Wed 2 Nov **That the sale of land to foreigners should be banned.**

**Grand Final:** Wed 16 Nov **That we would re-elect the National government.**