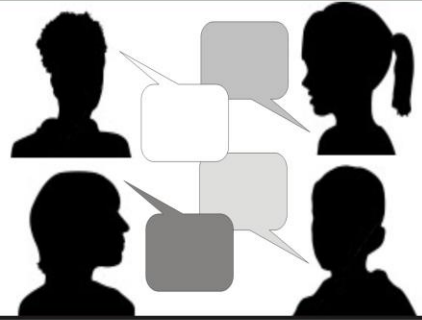


Polokwane Debating Society

Building a prosperous and caring Municipality for a better life for all



22 January 2024

Principal and Debating Organiser,

TEACHERS/COACHES AND ADJUDICATORS MEETING

If you have not yet decided to enrol a team from your school for the 2024 Tournament, please consider it favourably and accept this invitation to enrol and be part of the planning.

General planning workshop:

Date: Wednesday, 31 January 2024

Time: 14:30 – 16:30

Venue: Library Auditorium Room, Library Gardens

Purpose of workshop:

- Create an opportunity for educators and adjudicators to meet on neutral ground and discuss team training and the standard of debating
- To make newcomers familiar with rules and debating style
- To work out a final year programme, set dates and debating topics (bring your school calendar for reference) and determine a date for a training workshop
- Finalise registration for 2024

Who should attend?

- At least one educator from each participating school
- All adjudicators

The closing date for 2024 registration is Friday, 29 February 2024

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

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A few serious remarks:

- This meeting and workshop are to make sure that our debating year starts on a good footing.
- It is important that you **attend, arrive on time and stay till the end.**
- The tournament strives to be a prestige event on the Polokwane calendar and we are therefore taking all measures to apply effective administration and encourage full co-operation.
- Performance rules and dates that will be agreed on at the workshop will be applied without exception – it is therefore crucial that you are there to make input from your situation.

The Polokwane Debating Society started as a community effort. The Polokwane Municipal Libraries adopted it as a project with full community involvement. In reality, every year those schools who register are the Debating Society:

- What we do together is what the Society is doing, let us do it with due responsibility and pride. Effective organising can only succeed with dedicated participation.
- We are all doing this for the learners who are so eagerly involved; they sacrifice leisure time, dare to expose themselves, enjoy the limelight and have to take the beating when necessary. We get wonderful feedback from debaters, even years after they have left school. Let us, this year, join forces to create a well organised, properly executed, intellectually challenging tournament worthy of those learners who intuitively trust us to do just that.

Looking forward to a great debating year.