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Here you can sign up to our Newsletter and receive up to date information about each Round and more.

Students, teachers and parents are also welcome to follow the BGDA on social media for special announcements and updates (including information pertaining to round themes):

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# Brisbane Girls Debating Association

# 2016 Competition Handbook

# Welcome

## From The BGDA Executive

Welcome students, parents and teachers to the 2016 Brisbane Girls Debating Association Competition! We hope you have an enjoyable season participating in (or watching) what we are sure will be five rounds of excellent debates. Each year our Executive aims to improve and develop the BGDA program and so we are proud to be welcoming new schools and sponsors to our competition. We will also be continuing and improving on several new innovations from the 2015 competition, such as optional training sessions for students, and a regular newsletter to keep you up to date with each round and other debating opportunities offered by the BGDA. Thank you for supporting female debating and our future community leaders!

Round 1 – Health	March 7
Round 2 – Gender	March 21
Round 3 – International Relations	April 18
Round 4 – The Economy	May 9
Round 5 – The Environment	May 23
Final – Education	May 30

## 2016 Final And Prizes

Once again we are glad to have the support of QUT Business School in providing the prizes for winning teams in each year level in our BGDA Finals.

Using a ranking system based on performance within each debate we will also be awarding three Best Speaker

Prizes (one per Grade). More information on how these awards are determined can be found on our Topics And Rules page here:

<http://www.bgda.org.au/topics--rules.html>.

3:50 – Training session
4:30 – Start preparation
5:30 – Debate
6:30 – Adjudication (10 and 11)
6:40 – Adjudication (12)
6:50 – End (10 and 11)
7:00 – End (12)

# BGDA Debate Procedure

## Speaking Times

Grade 10: 6-7 minutes (POIs offered between 1-6 minutes)

Grade 11: 7-8 minutes (POIs offered between 1-7 minutes)

Grade 12: 7-8 minutes (POIs offered between 1-7 minutes)  
+ 3-4 minute reply speech

## Points Of Information (POIs)

Points of Information allow an opposing team member to offer a brief point during the current speech. All BGDA debates (Years 10-12) use POIs and students will receive instruction on the best uses of this important debating tool from adjudicators and during the optional training session before debates.

## Reply Speech

Year 12 debates include a reply speech. After the three substantive speakers have spoken, a short speech is made by each side (first from the Negative, then Affirmative). The reply speech is made by either the first or by the second speaker and is 3-4minutes in length. The reply speech contains no new facts or arguments. It sums up the main arguments from both sides to create a last impression.

Want to know more? Come to our training session!

## BGDA Training Sessions

Every afternoon at 3.50pm before the competition starts we will be offering a short training session open to any and all BGDA participants. Attendance is completely optional so come along to ask questions, learn some new debating techniques and have a biscuit or two! The session will take place in the G-Block at BGGs with each week focusing on a specific area such as POIs, rebuttal, reply speeches and more!