



Brisbane Girls
Debating Association

Explanation of Draw
Tabulation and Finals
Qualification

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This document serves as an explanation of the draw shall be worked out for each round as well as qualification for the finals. For further explanation of the rules, please refer to the Competition Rules.

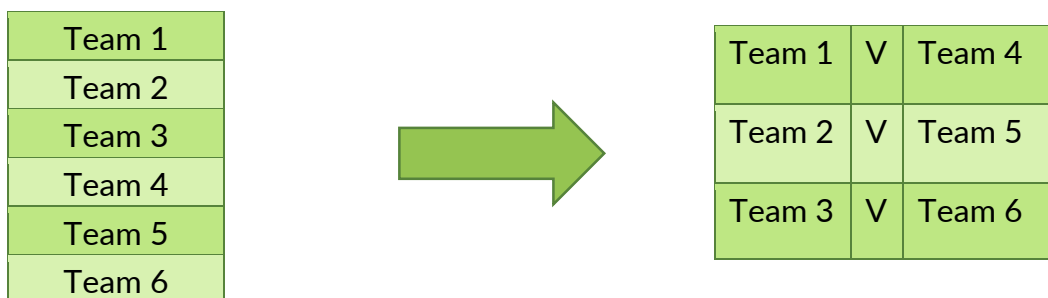
The BGDA Inc. (Brisbane Girls Debating Association Incorporated) runs three independent competitions each year – for grades 10, 11 and 12. The draw for each competition will be tabulated independently of the results of each competition. The draw for each round will be posted on the BGDA website, the BGDA Facebook Page and will be emailed to each school’s debating coordinator.

For round one, the draw shall be randomised although teams will be, where possible, conflicted from versing teams from their own school. At the conclusion of this round, as with the conclusion of every round, each team will be awarded either a score of ‘0’ (denoting a loss) or ‘1’ (denoting a win) for their ‘Team Points’ in that round. Each team will also be awarded ‘Speaker Points’ for that round that equal the summation of the individual speaker scores.

For the rest of the preliminary rounds, the draw shall be calculated by ‘bracket folding’. At the conclusion of each round, the teams in each competition shall be ranked in order of their aggregate Team Points from highest aggregate to lowest. The teams are then divided into pools of teams with the same number of aggregate Team Points, with pools being ranked from highest aggregate to lowest and teams within each pool ranked from highest to lowest based on their aggregate Speaker Points with the highest team having the highest aggregate Speaker Points.

If any pool (The Upper Pool) consists of an amount of teams equivalent to a number that is not divisible by two, then a team from the pool ranking immediately below that pool (The Lower Pool) may be promoted to the Upper Pool, so that the Upper Pool consists of a number of teams that is divisible by two. The team that is pulled into the Upper Pool shall be the team that has the highest number of aggregate Speaker Points within the Lower Pool.

If all year levels have an even number of teams, within each pool the top team will verse the team one less than the middle and the second top team will verse the 2nd below the middle team. This model is shown below:



If two year levels do not have an even number of teams, one team from each year level will be randomly selected to verse each other for that round. Teams will not be awarded either Team Points or Speaker Points based on the debate they verse a team in a different grade. Instead, both teams for that round shall be awarded a win (1 Team Point) and a number of Speaker Points equal to the average of the other rounds they have participated in in the competition. However, a team must participate in the debate to be awarded an automatic win and an average number of Speaker Points.

If either a single year level or a third year level does not have an even number of teams, a team will be randomly selected for that round. The Executive will endeavour to either find a replacement team or put together a 'swing' team. If this occurs, or if a replacement team cannot be found, the team that is randomly selected shall receive for that round shall be awarded a win (1 Team Point) and a number of Speaker Points equal to the average of the other rounds they have participated in in the competition.

Teams will not have to verse a team from another year level or a 'swing' team more than once in the competition.

Qualification For Finals

Two teams from each year level shall participate in a Final for that year level. If two teams have a higher number of aggregate Team Points than any other teams in the year level, these two teams shall qualify for the Final. If there are not two teams, the teams shall first qualify based on their aggregate Team Points and then, if teams in contention have the same number of Team Points, the team(s) with the higher number of Speaker Points shall qualify. For the extraordinary circumstance where teams receive the same number of Team Points and Speaker Points, please refer to the Competition Rules for guidance.