

Want to stay involved in debating after Year 12?

Want to earn some extra cash?

The DAV is recruiting adjudicators to help with our school debating programs in 2023.

Becoming an adjudicator is a great way to continue developing your critical thinking and public speaking skills, and provides opportunities to meet lots of new like-minded people.

Debating rounds are run on Monday-Thursday evenings from February to November, and adjudicators receive \$60-85 for each round they attend.

To become an adjudicator, you need to attend a 3 hour training seminar via Zoom and then complete an online test. You will be supported throughout the process and further training opportunities are available to provide you with ongoing learning and development.

To sign up for a training session, please visit our website and complete the [online form](#).

The following pages provide more information about the role of DAV adjudicators.

About the DAV

The DAV is a non-profit association which exists to promote debate. It is the peak debating body in Victoria and runs debating and public speaking competitions for adults and for schools across Victoria.

The Role

Adjudicators are required to:

- Attend debating rounds either at school venues or online via video conferencing technology
- Represent the DAV in a professional manner
- Declare conflicts with any participating schools
- Watch and assess speeches, providing a reason for the result
- Foster development of debating and public speaking skills through constructive feedback
- Maintain control of the room, for example, discouraging distracting behaviour
- Act as the chairperson if no audience members are available to perform the role
- Provide results to the DAV coordinator or office immediately following debating rounds
- Assist school staff and DAV coordinators in managing any emergencies arising
- Report Child Safety concerns.

Debating rounds run primarily in the afternoon and evening on most weekdays during the school term, with some opportunities available during school hours and on weekends.

Desirable Skills and Attributes

Adjudicators should possess:

- Knowledge of the format and rules for 3-on-3 debating
 - *No prior experience in debating is necessary.* A 3-hour training session and an online accreditation test must be completed
 - Further training including supervision and observation opportunities are also available
- The ability to critically analyse argumentation, presentation skills, and adherence to the rules
- Strong oral communication skills: particularly, the ability to effectively communicate with DAV stakeholders, including school students, staff, and their families
- A friendly and encouraging attitude
- A commitment to inclusion and diversity
- A commitment to Child Safety
 - *A Victorian Working with Children Check is required* (the DAV reimburses the cost of the check after adjudicators have watched a minimum number of debates).
 - *Proof of COVID-19 vaccination* is required to attend rounds held at school venues.

Membership and honorarium

A monthly honorarium payment is provided in recognition of the service adjudicators provide to the DAV's school members. Adjudicators are required to join the DAV as Members in order to adjudicate, this involves a payment of \$15 and attendance at one debating round before honoraria payments commence.

Adjudicators receive \$27.50 per debate for online rounds, \$30 per debate for metropolitan Melbourne competitions and higher rates for programs requiring travel to regional areas. At most rounds, adjudicators will see two debates.

To sign up for adjudicator training, please complete the form found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Charisma Taylor, Executive Officer at eo@dav.com.au

DAV Programs

The DAV runs numerous debating and public speaking programs throughout the year. An overview is included below.

Most of the debating competitions are in 3-on-3 format, but the British Parliamentary Competitions and Public Speaking require separate training for accreditation.

Program	Who?	What and When?
<u>Schools Competition</u> A list of regions can be found here .	Years 9-12	In teams of three, students participate in five debates a year, either during the evenings at local schools, or online. This is followed by a seven-night finals series.
<u>Junior Secondary Program</u> A list of regions can be found here .	Years 7-8	In teams of three, students will be given training in how to debate and the opportunity to participate in three debates, either during the evenings at local schools, or online. Running in Term 3 and 4.
<u>British Parliamentary</u>	Years 7-12	For teams of two, competitions are offered for Year 7-8, Year 9-10, and Year 11-12 on Sundays at host schools, or online in Terms 3 and 4. Training in the parliamentary debating format is also included.
<u>Public Speaking</u>	Primary, Year 7-12	Participating as individuals, students will deliver speeches on prepared and impromptu topics held on Sundays at local schools, or via online submission.
<u>Debate Camp</u>	Year 7-12	Running during the school holidays, debate camps offer debating training and the opportunity to participate in debates. In-person and online options are offered.

<u>Primary</u>	Year 5-6	For teams of three, primary debating days are offered at local host schools during school hours. These run in Terms 2-4. Teams have the chance to participate in a state tournament held at the end of the year.
<u>Regional Debating</u>	Year 7-12	Regional debating competitions are run at host schools across regional Victoria at various times of the year. These are normally in three-on-three format.
<u>Women's</u>	Year 7-12	An annual competition for female students held in Term 1 on a Sunday and in three-on-three format. Students register individually and will be assigned to teams. An introductory training session is also included on the debating day, and online sessions are available in the weeks beforehand.
<u>Monash Asian Studies</u>	Year 10-12	For teams of three, run by the DAV in conjunction with the School of Languages, Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics at Monash University. The topics will focus on contemporary issues relevant to Asia and be in the three-on-three format.
<u>Victorian State Team</u>	Year 9-12	Students across the state are offered the opportunity to try out for the Victorian state team. Trials run on Sundays in December, January or February. Successful students will be given weekly training sessions by the team coaches in the build up to the National Schools Competition (rotated across host states in Australia).
<u>Deakin Law Competition</u>	Year 10-12	For teams of three, a one-day round-robin competition run by the DAV in conjunction with the Deakin Law School. The topics will focus on legal issues.