

Application for Scottish Schools Debating Squads 2021/22

Please complete the following form and training task and return to scottishdebatingteam@gmail.com by 11:59pm Sunday 3rd October 2021.

Name	
School and year	
Email	
Parent/Guardian name and contact	
Teacher name and contact	

Please briefly outline your reasons for applying to be a member of Team Scotland:

[Maximum 400 words]

Please provide a brief summary of your debating experience and relevant debating achievements (e.g.: notable team/speaker results):

Please provide evidence of any other experience, interests or qualities you possess that could be relevant to this application (e.g.: other extra-curricular activities, hobbies, academic interests or examples of skills such as research or teamwork)

[Maximum 400 words]

Training Exercise

Please complete the following task **on your own**. The purpose of this exercise is to ascertain your critical thinking and argument generating abilities- both crucial for members of the Scottish Team. *There is no single right or wrong answer.*

Please record yourself giving a **maximum 4 minute** speech arguing in favour or against **one** of the following topics:

- School uniforms should be banned.
- Sporting teams should be penalised for the poor behaviour of their fans.
- Quotas should be introduced for women in Parliament.
- Important decisions about children's health should be made by medical professionals instead of their parents.
- Developing nations should prioritise development over the environment.
- Trade union powers and labour protection laws should be significantly relaxed in times of economic crisis.

Your speech can focus on one argument or many. You do not need to pretend you are the member of a debating team - ie: you do not have to tell us what arguments other speakers will be giving in the debate/

Submission advice

If the recording is small enough you may be able to attach it directly to the email you send with your written application.

If the recording is too large we recommend one of the following approaches:

1. Upload to Google Drive, One Drive or equivalent and include the link in the email (please note we are usually unable to access files uploaded to school One Drives as they often only allow people from that specific school to view files).
2. Upload an unlisted video to YouTube and include the link in the email.

If none of these options work, please do get in touch and we can try and help you find another solution.

After the application process has been completed, we will delete all videos. No videos will be posted publicly, or shared outside the Scottish Team coaching body.