



African Renaissance Ambassador Debates
(The National School event of the year)



Supplement to Debates schedule and Draws

Warm greetings to you all from the Princeton New Jersey.

We hope that all your internal debate finals have taken place and that your final teams are looking forward to flying your individual school flags high during the inter-school competitions. If you have not yet seen your school's profile, pictures and videos on the world wide web, be sure to take a look: www.aracorporation.org under debates and multimedia. Feel free to provide us with more information for your school profile.

Based on the helpful feedback we have received from many of you and members of your administrations regarding the impact these debates will have on your students, the organizing committee of the debates would love the opportunity to have your students benefit directly from the exchange of ideas by witnessing the debates live. In light of this, we have conducted a random draw to see which schools will host 16th, 8th, and quarter finals.

We ask that you encourage all your students to attend on the dates and times pre-determined for these events as found on the draw and schedule document. Please also welcome the other team(s), 3 respectable neutral judges who will vote for the winners in a transparent manner following the attached criteria), and 2-5 ARA assigned observers who will document the event. All of these will wear official badges, as should your debate team and teachers. **At the end of the competition there will be a prize for the most welcoming host school.** If you are unable to host a debate on the particular date, please let us know as soon as possible. Priority will be given to schools who have not had a chance to host in the quarter finals. In general, indicate as soon as possible if you would not be able to host an event on the dates scheduled. The to be widely publicized semi-finals (December 1) and finals (Dec 17) will be hosted at a neutral location to be communicated to you. Even if your team does not make it to that level, you will be informed so that you can attend.

Attached (below) please find the results of the random draws For the 16th and 8th finals

Randomly drawn locations in order of draw

16th finals

Group A: BHS, COTECC, GHS, PSS (This means BHS has the priority to host, then COTECC, etc)

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Group B: PSS Mankon, PCHS Mankon, CCC, GBHSD
 Group C: PSS Nkwen, GBHS Bamenda, CPC Bali, GBHS Nkambe,
 Group D: BGS Molyko, PCSS Buea, CKC Tiko, GHS Limbe, GBHS Limbe, PHS Kumba.

Debates Sixteenth Finals November 10 2007 , Topic: “Many Cameroonians do not really believe that Cameroon is the ‘land of promise, land of glory’ in spite of the national Anthem’s claims”

Match number and Venue	Group A (start 2:00 PM)		
Match 1 (at BHS)	COTECC (Pro)	vs	PSS Bafut (Against)
Match 2 (at BHS)	GHS Bafut (Pro)	vs	BHS Mankon (against)
	Group B (Start 2:00 PM)		
Match 3 (at PSS Mankon)	CCC Mankon (Pro)	vs	PSS Mankon (Against)
Match 4 (at PSS Mankon)	GBHS Downtown (Pro)	vs	PCHS Bamenda (Against)
	Group C (Start 2:00 PM)		
Match 5 (PSS Nkwen)	CPC Bali (Pro)	vs	PSS Nkwen (against)
Match 6 (PSS Nkwen)	GBHS Bamenda (Pro)	vs	GBHS Nkambe (against)
	Group D (Start 1:00 PM)		
Match 7 (BGS Molyko)	BGS Molyko	vs	CKC Tiko
Match 8 (BGS Molyko)	PCSS Buea	vs	GHS Limbe
Match 9 (BGS Molyko)	GBHS Limbe	vs	PHS Kumba

Each debate is estimated to last not more than 1 hour (Please adjust accordingly. For example, during crossfire each team may ask only one question). Due to the distance of PHS Kumba, the judges shall allow match 9 to take place before Match 7. Other teams and their Chaperons/teachers can be present during debates only if they have already completed their matches. Otherwise they shall be on the premises one hour before their match, with an ARA representative.

Debates Eight Finals November 17 2007: Topic: “General Education rather than Professional education best prepares Cameroonians for success in the global village”

Match number and Venue	Group A (Start 1:00 PM)		
Match 10 (at winner of Match 1 i.e. at COTECC	Winner Match 1 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 2 (Against)

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or PSS Bafut)			
	Group B (Start 4:00 PM)		
Match 11 (at winner of Match 4, i e. at GBHSD or PCHS)	Winner Match 3 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 4 (Against)
	Group C (Start 2:30 PM)		
Match 12 (at winner of Match 6, i e. at GBHS or GBHS Nkambe)	Winner Match 5 (Pro)	vs	Winner Match 6 (against)

Debates quarter Finals November 24 2007: “The economic benefits of Bush-falling do not outweigh its costs.”

	In Bamenda (Franco Alliance Cameroon)		
Match 13 (start 3:PM)	Winner Match 10 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 11 (Against)
Match 14 (after Match 13)	Winner Match 12 (Pro)	versus	Best loser of Matches 10,11,12 (Against)
	(In Buea Synod office)		
Match 15 (start 1 PM)	Winner Match 7 (Pro)	vs	Winner Match 8 (against)
Match 16 (after Match 15)	Winner Match 9 (Pro)	versus	Best loser of Matches 7,8,9 (Against)

Debates Semi finals December 01 2007: “Should government policies play a significant role in bush-falling?”

	In Bamenda		
Match 17 (start 3:PM)	Winner Match 13 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 15 (Against)
Match 18 (after Match 13)	Winner Match 16 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 14 (Against)

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Debates finals December 17 2007: “Bush-Falling is not the African Dream”

	In Buea		
Match 19 (start 3:PM)	Winner Match 17 (Pro)	versus	Winner Match 18 (Against)

Before the semi-finals, only team of neutral judges will vote for the winners in a transparent manner following the attached criteria. From the semi-finals, the public will be allowed to vote, and on the finals, Africans abroad will also be given the opportunity to vote. At that time the judges’ decision will only count for 70% of the scorecard with the public deciding 30%.

Schools have been randomly drawn from each group (or classification) to host the debates. If a school cannot host on the given date, the next school on the randomly drawn list will have the opportunity.[†]

If you need a Release Request from ARA to present to a member of your administration for permission for your debate team to represent your school at an off campus location, please let us know. We encourage each visiting team to have up to five supporters (staff and/or students) in order to support their team psychologically. That said, where ever the location, the judges will require cooperative silence from the audience.

As usual, direct any questions to ara@aracorporation.org or call the ARA Manager Cameroon at 74683489 or 33035299.

Thank you

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* Subject to change if deemed necessary by ARA in the interest of the debates

† In the event where no school can host, the previously planned neutral ground will be used