



# WESTERN AUSTRALIAN DEBATING LEAGUE

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### Venue Regulations and Guidance Response: COVID-19

The Western Australian Debating League has been monitoring the recent spread of the Novel coronavirus. Though we believe that Western Australia has a comparatively low risk of infection, the league firmly believes that a proactive approach should be adopted. The following guidance has been issued by the Executive on the matter and will be regularly reviewed in accordance with government responses and host school policy changes. These regulations apply directly to WADL volunteers and event attendees.

- I. That students, parents, and coordinators who have travelled to mainland China, Iran, Northern Italy or the Republic of Korea (excluding air transit) in the past two weeks should not attend any WADL events.
- II. That persons who are feeling ill or are presenting with the following symptoms should not attend any WADL events
  - a. Fever
  - b. Flu-like symptoms
  - c. Shortness of breath
- III. That the league reserves the right to exclude members of the public who are presenting with symptoms in relation to the above regulation.
- IV. In the case the above regulations significantly increase the possibility of a forfeit the school should try and postpone the debate to a later date.
- V. That attendees should minimise bodily contact during the night including
  - a. Traditional handshakes at the end of debates
  - b. Refrain from loitering after the end of personal feedback.
- VI. That WADL volunteers will be practicing and continue to encourage good hygiene practices throughout the night including regular washing of hands.
- VII. That persons who may significantly be affected by COVID-19 including those with compromised immune systems and the elderly should refrain from attending debates.
- VIII. In the case of a school being made aware of a potential infection, the Chief Administrative Officer must be informed promptly so other schools may be alerted and deep cleaning procedures be accessed.
- IX. That all adjudicators will be briefed and attendees given information on the nearest hygiene facilities including basins and toilets.
- X. In the event that a school is forced to close due to COVID-19 the league will be happy to provide additional support including fee relief and additional administrative support.
- XI. That these regulations do not take precedence or invalidate host school regulations in relation to COVID-19.

Signed

Dated: 12<sup>th</sup> of March

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