

Debate Competition Rules and Guidelines

Dear Participants,

We are excited to welcome you to the upcoming Debate Competition. Please familiarize yourself with the following rules and guidelines to ensure a fair and enjoyable experience for all.

General Rules

- Each team must consist of two members.
- Debates will follow a structured format including opening statements, rebuttals, and closing statements.
- Each speaker will have a maximum of 5 minutes to present their arguments.

Guidelines for Judging

- Judges will score teams based on clarity, argument strength, and rebuttal effectiveness.
- Teams are encouraged to remain respectful and constructive throughout the debate.
- Decisions by judges are final and will not be subject to appeal.

Preparation

- Teams must submit their topics 48 hours before the competition.
- Research and preparation time is crucial; teams are advised to practice together.
- Use of notes during the debate is permitted but excessive reading from notes is discouraged.

We wish all teams the best of luck and look forward to an engaging and insightful competition!

Best Regards,
The Debate Competition Committee