

# NER-DEBATE

## STRUCTURE

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## RULES

### **Prelims**

Parliamentary Debate

Rules:-

#### a) Teams

There will be two teams for one round in this format of debate:

1. Government side- proposes and defends the motion;
2. Opposition side- refutes and negates the motion.

Each side is composed of three members.

#### b) The Members of the government side are the following:

1. Prime minister (PM)- opens the debate, defines the motion and advances arguments;
2. Deputy prime Minister (DPM)- refute at first instance the case of the opposition, re-establish the government's claim, and advances arguments;
3. Government whip (GW)- makes an issue-based rebuttal of the opposition's case and summarizes the case of the government.

#### c) The Members of the Opposition side are the following:

1. Leader of the Opposition (LO) - responds directly to the case of the government by giving a direct clash, and advances arguments. May challenge the motion if the definition is challengeable;
2. Deputy Leader of the Opposition (DPL) - refutes the case of the DPM, re-establishes the case of the opposition, and advances an argument;
3. Opposition Whip (OW) - makes an issues-based rebuttal of the government's and summarizes the case of the opposition.

Each speaker will be allotted three minutes to deliver his/her speech. In the beginning 5 minutes will be given to both the teams for preparation of speeches and after that speeches will begin.

Note: No extra time will be given.

Reference:

<https://www.debate-motions.info/debate-formats/asian-parliamentary-debate-format/>

## **Finals**

### **Inner Circle - Outer Circle Debate**

#### **Rules:-**

1. Each round will be between two groups sitting in the circle.
2. One of the teams will form the outer circle and the the other team will be the inner circle.
3. When a motion is given the inner team will start their G.D on it irrespective of their for or against just like in a normal G.D. They will be allowed to have their formal G.D. for 8 minutes, till then the outer circle as well as the audience and judges are allowed to listen to all their discussions and form respective counters/rebuttals to each of their points.
4. The outer circle now shifts to the inner circle and vice-versa for the inner circle.
5. The same process continues for the next 8 minutes.
6. At last one of the representatives of the team is given 7 minutes for a proper delivery of the speech which will consist of the points they countered while sitting in outer circle as everyone was aware of their G.D and those points won't be counted for scoring and the same 7 minutes are to be given to the next team as well.
7. The last segment plays a crucial role because it is not allowing any team to keep any new points as it was to be discussed in G.D itself, but rather it is a completely counter-speech round and points will be given according to proper counters for each point in the G.D.
8. There will be no preparation time given to any of the teams prior to G.D but a 2 minute buffer will be allowed for the first team which will be delivering the final 7 minute speech to properly assemble their points.

● **Notes are allowed to be taken while giving the speech in this case for referring to the points, but reading from the notes continuously will not be entertained.**

- **If more no. Of teams/participants doesn't turn up, the prize money would be waived by 50%.**
- **Any final decision will be taken by organizing committee.**

## **JUDGING CRITERIA**

- Presentation style -25%
- Use of arguments -25%
- Organization and clarity-25%
- Times and duties of speaker-25%

## **Total cash prizes**

1st prize-5000

2nd prize-3000

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