

## **Rules for the debate: - Rationale**

1. The event will be organised in 3 stages: - The Preliminary rounds, the Semi-finals and the Finals. Points of the previous rounds will **NOT** be added for the evaluation in the further rounds.

2. Format of the Preliminary Round:- **MODIFIED OXFORD FORMAT.**

There will be 2 participants participating in the event from each institute:- one speaker and one interjector. Every speaker and interjector will be judged by a panel of 3 judges. Every speaker has to speak for a time period of 4(3+1) minutes. Exceeding the time limit may lead to a reduction of points. Every interjector will have to ask their questions within a maximum time of 30 seconds. Every interjector will get to ask a maximum of 2 questions and every speaker will face a maximum of 2 questions from the interjectors. The Chairperson and the judges may or may not choose to ask questions from a speaker. For qualification to the semi-finals, the cumulative scores of the speaker and the interjector will be taken into account. The decision of the judges shall be final and binding. The topic will be disclosed by a draw of lots and 10 minutes of preparation time will be provided. **NOTE THAT IDENTITY OF THE INSTITUTE SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED DURING THE EVENT. EVERY TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A TOKEN NUMBER WHICH SHOULD BE ONLY INTRODUCED BOTH BY THE SPEAKER AS WELL AS THE INTERJECTOR.**

The speakers will be judged on the following parameters:-

- (i) Content – 20 points
  - (ii) Delivery and presentation – 20 points
  - (iii) Logic – 10 points
  - (iv) Defending arguments against the interjectors and the panel – 20 points
  - (v) Fluency and clarity of speech – 20 points
  - (vi) Rebuttal (Opposing the points of opposition) – 10 points
- Total – 100 points per judge

The interjectors will be adjudged on the following parameters: -

- (i) Length of the questions (Short and crisp questions are preferred) – 10 points
  - (ii) Relevance to the speaker's speech – 20 points
  - (iii) Quality of the questions – 20 points
- Total – 50 points per judge

So, every team will be marked out of 450 points and the **top 8 teams** will be qualified for the semi-finals.

3. The Semi-Finals will be conducted in the **MODIFIED CAMBRIDGE FORMAT.** Every speaker will have to speak for 5 minutes. After 4 minutes, a warning bell will be rung and the speaker will have to wrap up his speech within the last 1 minute. Every speaker will receive 2 questions from the opposing team which he/she will get 1 minute each to answer. Preparation time given will be 30 minutes and no access to the Internet will be allowed in the due course of time. In the Semi-Finals we will be

conducting 4 debates between 2 teams(Proposition and opposition), matches will be decided through draw of lots and the winning team will proceed to the finals.

The speakers will be judged on the following parameters:-

- (i) Content – 20 points
  - (ii) Delivery and presentation – 20 points
  - (iii) Logic – 10 points
  - (iv) Defending arguments against the interjectors and the panel – 20 points
  - (v) Fluency and clarity of speech – 20 points
  - (vi) Rebuttal (Opposing the points of opposition) – 10 points
  - (vii) Length of the questions (Short and crisp questions are preferred) – 10 points
  - (viii) Relevance to the speaker's speech – 20 points
  - (ix) Quality of the questions – 20 points
- Total – 150 points per judge

4. The 4 teams winning their respective debates will be qualified for the final round. The 2 debates of the final round will be conducted in the **BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY FORMAT**. Preparation time provided will be 10 minutes and no access to the Internet will be allowed.

The details for the event are as follows:

- Each team should consist of three members.
- The format will be a version of the British Parliamentary debate. Two teams will argue against each other, with one forming the Government-arguing for the motion and the other, the Opposition-arguing against it.
- There will be three rounds in total.
- The Government will begin by giving its statement which will be followed by the Opposition's statement. Following this, the Government and the Opposition's replies, i.e, the second speaker will respond to the arguments raised by the other team. Finally, the third speaker of the Government will give its summary and the third speaker of the Opposition will conclude the debate with its summary.
- The rounds will be for 5+5+3 minutes.
- Preparation time for the debate is 10 minutes from the time the topic is shared.
- Each member of a team is required to give at least one of the speeches.
- No new points can be raised during the summary.
- The first and last minute of each speech is "protected time" during which no Points of Information (POIs) may be offered to the speaker. POIs are also not allowed during the summary. During the rest of the time, the opposing team can interject the speaker with a question or an argument which the speaker may choose to accept.
- Replies to POIs should not go over 1 minute during which no cross questioning by the other team is allowed.
- Barricading is not allowed. There should be at least 15 seconds between two consecutive POIs.
- The judgment will be based on content, oratory flair, response to POIs, and overall presentation.
- Participants are requested to gather knowledge about this debate version so that they can be fully prepared.

The speakers will be judged on the following parameters:-

- (i) Content – 20 points
- (ii) Delivery and presentation – 20 points
- (iii) Logic – 10 points
- (iv) Defending arguments against the interjectors and the panel – 20 points
- (v) Fluency and clarity of speech – 20 points
- (vi) Rebuttal (Opposing the points of opposition) – 10 points
- (vii) Length of the questions (Short and crisp questions are preferred) – 10 points
- (viii) Relevance to the speaker's speech – 20 points
- (ix) Quality of the questions – 20 points

Total – 150 points per judge

5. The 2 winning teams from the individual debates will enter the Grand Finals of the debate which will be conducted in the **ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE FORMAT**.

There two opposing teams in an Asians format of debate:

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

Each each side is composed of three members.

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.

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, reestablishes 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.

Time of Speeches:

Each speaker is allocated 6 minutes to deliver their constructive speeches. One speaker from

each side (For the Government:PM/DPM, for Opposition:LO/DLO) is given four minutes to deliver a reply speech. The speakers will be speaking in the following order:

1. Prime Minister
2. Leader of the opposition

3. Deputy Prime Minister
4. Deputy Leader of the Opposition
5. Government Whip
6. Opposition whip
7. Opposition Reply
8. Government Reply

During the constructive speeches, Point of Information (POI) may be raised by the opposing side

after the first minute up to the sixth minute. POI may be refused or accepted by the speaker.

During reply speeches, no POI may be raised.

Reply Speech:

Reply speech is a comparative analysis of the strength and weaknesses of the case of both sides.

The aim of the speech is to give a bias judgment as to why should the people support the team's

claim. The speech is first delivered by the opposition side and followed by the government side

who will close the debate.

Speaker Roles in Asian Parliamentary Debate

Government:

Prime Minister (PM)

Define context and parameters of debate. For example, in an open motion like "This House Would Support Musicians", the debate could be contextualized into whether music should be a commodity for trade, or it should be available gratis (i.e. free music download and transfer)

- Provide concise background or history leading to the issue
- Give framework of government bench's case. I.e. mechanisms (if any), argumentation flow (what the government's first argument is and what the Deputy Prime Minister will talk about)

- Introduce 1st argument

- Assert Government stand

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM)

- Rebut first argument from Leader of Opposition

- Rebut rebuttals to PM's argument

- Introduce 2nd and 3rd argument

- Reassert Government stand and case

Government Whip

- Rebut Deputy Leader of Opposition, and Leader of Opposition

- Rebut rebuttals to DPM and PM arguments

- Provide a deeper level of analysis for previous arguments and rebuttals

- No new arguments, but new angles of arguments should be given

- Brief summary of entire case of Government

- Reassert Government stand and case

Opposition:

### Leader of Opposition

- Agree or disagree with context/ parameters of debate (any definitional challenges, accusations of squirreling, or unfair set up should be made from the LO speech and no later)
- Rebut Prime Minister's argument
- Give framework for Opposition case (if Opp agrees to problem, then their case should provide solution, or at least effectively highlight how Government proposal will worsen the situation)
- Introduce first Opposition argument
- Assert Opposition stand

### Deputy Leader of Opposition

- Rebut DPM and PM arguments
- Rebut rebuttals to LO arguments
- Introduce 1st and 2nd (if any) argument
- Reassert Opposition stand and case

### Opposition Whip

- Rebut DPM and PM arguments
- Rebut rebuttals to LO & DLO arguments
- Provide a deeper level of analysis for previous arguments and rebuttals
- No new arguments, but new angles of arguments should be given
- Reassert Opposition stand and case

### Reply Speech:

- Can only be done by either 1st or 2nd speaker from each bench
- Provide a biased 'oral adjudication' of why the debate should go to own bench
- Highlight issues you think your side won, carefully tiptoe around issues you think you lost
- New examples to expand on discussed examples is usually allowed and makes the reply speech sound fresh as opposed to verbal regurgitation
- Reassert stand

6. Based on the results of the debate, we will have the winners and the first runner up. Both the teams who aren't able to qualify for the Grand Finals will also be awarded. In addition, we will also have special prizes for the Best Speaker, the Most Promising Speaker, and the best Interjector for each debate round.
7. Wishing you all the best. Looking forward to your best participation.