



# MIRA DEBATING SOCIETY

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## ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this club is titled the **Mira Debating Society**. Members of this organisation are chosen to compete on the Mira Debating Society's Debate Team.

## ARTICLE II. PURPOSE


The goal of this student group is to equip students for great public speaking and successful debate abilities. Students also take part in formal debates and engage in peaceful and productive political conversations. Selected students are then taught to compete as members of the Mira Debating Society's Debate Team.

## ARTICLE III. ELIGIBILITY

Mira Debating Society is open to students of Mira Model School in Classes 5–11. A student must follow the obligations of club members as outlined in Article XII of this Constitution. All students in the debate and speech club are welcome to compete in on-campus events. Members of the debate team are eligible to compete in tournaments with other schools.

## ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS

The Debate and Speech group will meet once or twice a week for training, camaraderie, and mock trials. The meeting schedule may change from term to term depending on the availability of the students and adviser.



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## **ARTICLE V. MANDATES**

- To participate in debating society activities, such as: organizing and participating in a debating training programme; organizing and participating in debate competitions; and participating in debating and public speaking competitions to which the Debating Society is invited.
- To engage in any additional activities that are incidental to or beneficial to the achievement of the above goals.

## **ARTICLE VI. LIABILITIES**


The opinions expressed at any Mira Debating Society activity or by any Mira Debating Society member at any competition do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the Mira Debating Society.

The opinions voiced by Mira Debating Society members during debate-related activities (practice rounds, competitive rounds, exhibition debates, and so on) may or may not reflect the genuine opinions of that debater.

## **ARTICLE VII. MEMBERSHIP**

Every member of this club must promote, protect, and exhibit compassion, freedom, and fairness at every meeting. This club has no religious affiliation and freedom of speech and expression are encouraged. There shall be equality of opportunity for all members in all matters related to the club.

During each term, every member must commit to the weekly sessions. To be active and productive in group training, group conversations, group projects, and group competitions, each member must make a considerable endeavor. During meetings, every member must behave themselves in a courteous and civilized manner.



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Mira Debating Society does not and will not allow foul language, quarrelling, aggressive or abusive conduct, or any discrimination based on gender, religion, caste, race, sex, or place of birth.

## **ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS AND DUTIES**

### **President and Executive President**

The President and Executive President will be in supervision of all debate and speech club meetings, activities and events. The President and Vice President, together with the other Board members, are responsible for developing an effective agenda for each meeting and achieving the goals set for each term. To ensure the club's continued success, the President and Executive President must maintain contact with the Club Advisor and members of student programmes. They will also be the First Speaker in the debating activities.

### **Vice President and Executive Vice President**

In the absence of the President and Executive President, the Vice-President and the Executive Vice President shall function as overseers. The Vice President and Executive Vice President are responsible for maintaining good communication with all members of the team and must collaborate closely with the President and Executive Vice President to guarantee the Debating Society's success and development.

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### **Secretary and Executive Secretary**


The Secretary and Executive Secretary will represent as the information and supervisors of the Debating Society. The Secretary and Executive Secretary must efficiently convey the timing, venue, and purpose of each meeting to the club's members. The Secretary and Executive Secretary must also take effective minutes from each meeting, including member recommendations for the future discussions, and send all findings to the President, Executive President, Vice President, Executive Vice President, and Club Advisor.

### **Convener and Executive Convener:**

The Convener and Executive Convener are in charge of coordinating the members for the weekly sessions. In the context of collaborative leadership, it generally entails gathering the board members or club members and using their influence and power to gather individuals. They must also maintain track of each member's attendance and involvement in meetings.

### **Master Trainer:**

Master Trainers, over the course of the year, must assist students improve critical thinking, language, and collaboration skills, as well as teach debate. They must explain the fundamentals and offer instances of successful and unsuccessful debaters. Assign interesting subjects to students, break them into groups, and then allow them time to gather information and develop arguments. Finally, hold a timed, organized discussion fortnightly.



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### **Bilingual Communicators:**

Bilingual Communicators must schedule and preside debates in two languages: English and Hindi, and support Master Trainers throughout all skills. Bilingual Communicators must guide the students in strengthening their overall linguistic competence and language skills and help strengthen the students on their weak points. They must be well-versed in all fields of language.

## **ARTICLE IX. INDUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

Students that are interested must complete out a form that will be handed to them by the Club Advisor at the end of the term. They must submit the form before the deadline, along with teacher endorsements. An inaugural ceremony, as well as an informal introduction, will be organised to welcome the new members.

## **ARTICLE X. INDUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The students will be suggested by the teachers and their participation in the club, accompanied by a debate amongst themselves. They will be evaluated by the existing Board Members, and assignments will be assigned to them depending on their aptitude and skills.

Candidates will be assigned positions in the new board for the next term based on the evaluation.



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## **ARTICLE XI. ADMONISHMENT**

Failure to attend the weekly meeting without prior notification will result in a warning note.

Without advance notification, failure to attend three successive weekly meetings will result in expulsion from the society.

## **ARTICLE XII. CITATION**

Each Mira Debating Society member is responsible for understanding and the rules and procedures outlined in the Constitution. Any judgement or action done in violation of the Constitution is null and void.

## **ARTICLE XIII. CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

In order to propose Amendments to the Constitution, a written proposal can be submitted by any member and must be approved by two-thirds of the club's members before it can be implemented after being reviewed and approved by the Board and Club adviser within two weeks.