RULES AND REGULATIONS

*GENERAL RULES*

* Each team shall consist of three speakers.
* Each hall shall have a chair of judges consisting of ONE Executive Members who shall act as the judge for the debate.
* The decision of the EB will be final in all matters of dispute that may arise during the course of the competition.
* The topic of the debate shall be called the 'PROPOSITION'.
* The debates shall be 'FOR' and 'AGAINST' on the given proposition.
* The proposition for the debate and the sides of the debate shall be communicated to the teams ten minutes prior to the start of the debate.
* The team ‘FOR’ the debate shall be called the 'PROPOSITION TEAM' and the team speaking the 'AGAINST' side of the debate shall be called the 'OPPOSITION TEAM'.
* The speakers of the proposition team shall be called the 'PRIME MNISTER', the 'DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER' and the 'GOVERNMENT WHIP', for the first, second, and third speakers respectively.
* The speakers of the opposition team shall be called the 'OPPOSITION LEADER', the 'DEPUTY OPPOSITION LEADER' and the 'OPPOSITION WHIP', for the first, second, and third speakers respectively.
* The teams shall be free to decide the order of the speakers for each of the rounds.

*RULES FOR SPEECH*

* Each speakers shall be allotted a speaking time of three minutes each.
* The Liaison Officers shall sound a bell marking the passing of the 2 minute mark and sound two bells marking the passing of the three minute mark.
* However, these bells shall act only as warning bells and not as an indicator for the speaker to stop speaking immediately.
* It shall be at the discretion of the EB to provide the speaker an extension of a maximum of one minute to conclude his/ her argument.
* After the speeches of both the teams, each team can select one person from the first two speakers of the team to provide the rebuttal speech.
* The opposition team shall be allowed to make their rebuttal speech first followed by the proposition team.
* The time allotted for the rebuttal speech of each team shall be a maximum of two minutes, at the end of which the Liaison Officers shall sound a bell as a warning to the speaker.
* The bell shall act only as a warning, and it shall be at the discretion of the EB to give the speaker an additional half a minute to finish his/ her speech.
* The order of the speeches shall be as follows :

1) Prime Minister, 2) Opposition Leader, 3) Deputy Prime Minister

4) Deputy Opposition Leader, 5) Government Whip, 6) Opposition Whip

7) Opposition rebuttal, 8) Government rebuttal.

*POINTS OF INFORMATION (POI)*

* Points of Information (POI) shall be allowed against the speaker between the 00:30 and the 02:30 mark of his/ her speech.
* Points of Information (POI) are questions and queries directed towards the speaker.
* A maximum of one POI shall be allowed for the duration of the speech of a single speaker.
* The manner in which a POI has to be raised is when the other team has a POI they can exercise their right by standing up.
* The speaker can decide to accept or reject a POI. If it is accepted, the point of information can be said. Otherwise, the person making the points of information must sit down.
* The speaker has all the right to accept or reject a POI based on his/ her preference.
* Points of Information that are superfluous in nature shall not be entertained.

*PROCEDURAL RULES*

* Each team shall initially go through a KNOCK OUT round.
* All qualifying teams shall be matched according to their respective performances in the KNOCK OUT round for the QUARTER FINALS.
* The winners of the QUARTER FINALS shall move on to the SEMI FINALS.
* The next round shall be the FINALS between the remaining two teams.
* The Procedural Rules are subject to change according to the number of participating teams.

*VENUE AND REGISTRATION DETAILS*

* The venue of the event is *VIT University, Chennai Campus*.
* Interested teams can register for the event by filling the Registration Application with the required details.
* The registration fees for the event is Rs. 200/- per participant, which shall be collected on arrival at the venue.

*PRIZES*

The total prize amount for the event shall be Rs. 10,000.

The split up of the cash prizes shall be as follows:

Winning Team : Rs. 6,000

Runner-up Team : Rs. 3,000

Best Speaker : Rs. 1,000

*CONTACT INFORMATION*

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