

TECHTRIX '17

INTO THE NEXT DIMENSION

Verbose

General Rules

- The debate format is parliamentary.
- Anyone under the age of 25 is allowed to participate.
- School students, cross-college and cross-school teams are allowed to participate.
- Each and every student must bring their ID-Cards which is mandatory.
- A nominal registration fee of Rs. 60/- is required for each team to participate.
- The motion for the debate will be decided based on a lottery 1 hour before the event begins.
- Each participating team must consist of two members. One speaking 'for' and the other speaking 'against' the motion.
- Each speaker will be allotted 4+1=5 minutes to put across his speech.
- A reminder bell will be used at the fourth minute.
- A question round will follow right after the completion of every speech. Two questions shall be allowed (One from the judge and one from the audience).
- Exceeding the time limit will reflect upon scores.
- The order of teams to debate shall be decided based on a lottery in the beginning.
- Only Parliamentary language will be entertained. (no abusive language)
- Obscenity and vulgarity in any form won't be tolerated.
- No props allowed on stage. Reading out from written materials will reflect upon scores.
- Rules are subject to modification based on circumstances.

Scoring System

These are the criteria on which the debate will be judged and scored:

- **Factual accuracy.**
- **Arguments (not assertions) :** You can't convince anyone that gay marriage undermines traditional marriage just by saying so. You have to lead the judge through the reasoning, showing causal connections.
- **Impact :** You must tell the judge why your arguments matter.
- **Reasonableness :** Don't offer straw men or draw warrantless exaggerations.
- **Addressing your team member's points.**
- **Adhering to the time limit.**
- **Confidence and overall presentation.**

A 10 point scale will be used to assign the scores with fractional values allowed. The scale will look like this:

0--Blatantly offensive, person didn't get up to speak, spit on you, etc. (**MUST BE JUSTIFIED**)

1-2--Extremely poor--barely coherent. An extreme statement.

3--Not too good--maybe a couple of good points, but generally unfocused and ineffective.

4-5--Low average and high average respectively--no major highs, but no major mistakes either. Generally solid.

6--Very good--compelling, intelligent, no noticeable mistakes. A person who averages this score should be in the top ten speakers at the event.

7--Exceptional--one of the best speeches you expect to be given at the event. A person who averages this should be in contention for a spot as one of the top three speakers at the event.

8--Phenomenal--moved you to tears. The best speech you ever expected to hear ever. (**MUST BE JUSTIFIED**)

9--Martin Luther King on a good day. A very rare case.

10--Christ, Moses, and M.L.K. rolled up into one, on steroids. No chance. Never seen this. (Actually, one of these existed once--began with "Let there be light." Perhaps you've heard of it?) Forget about even thinking about believing you can get this.



