

Inter-School Debate Competition - 2017
Rules & Regulations for the Competition

Topic : “Digital India is a power to empower the society”.

The following are the Rules and Regulations governing the competition:-

1. The competition is scheduled to be held on **18-04-17 from 10:00 am** onwards.
2. Reporting Time **9:00 am**.
3. Students from classes IX to X are eligible to participate in the competition.
4. ENGLISH must be used by each speaker while debating.
5. Each School Team must comprise of **two** participants, one speaking **FOR** the motion and one **AGAINST** the motion. There must be a **Faculty** escorting the Team duly authorized by the Head of the Institution. Only one speaker from a school will not be permitted.
6. Each participant will be given a time of **3 Minutes** to speak. After which a bell will indicate the time for rebuttal.
7. The rebuttal will be in the form of questions where, each debater will get an opportunity to answer **only 2** questions put forth by the opposition team.
8. While rebuttal arguments are presented the debaters should be prepared with appropriate arguments. Counter arguments will not be permitted.
9. On the other hand the opposition team should put forth question which are fair, clear and which should have a direct impact on the content of the speech.
10. **After 2 minutes** a long bell will be rung. The debater must ensure to complete within the stipulate time. Speaking beyond the long bell may attract negative marking at the discretion of the judges.
11. The debaters will be judged on the basis of **Content** of speech (20), **Language & Fluency** (10), **Logic & Reasoning** (10) and **Rebuttal** (10).
12. There is no provision for referring to any written material whatsoever while speaking. Marks may be deducted for using any reference material to speak.

13. Participants should be in their *school uniform* and must carry their school ID. Failure of which may lead the School team to disqualification.
14. The **Results** would be declared immediately after the competition. **The decision of the judges will be final and binding** to all participants.
15. Parents of participating students are also invited to witness the debate.
16. The **Host Team** will be participating for *individual prizes* but not for the Best School Team prize.
17. Please confirm your school's participation as given in the Invitation Letter on or before _____

PRIZES TO BE WON

- (a) **Inter – School English Debate Competition Trophy** will be awarded to the Best School Team performance along with the Runners – up Trophy.
- (b) The BEST SPEAKER of the Debate will be awarded a *Trophy*, a *Merit Certificate* and two Runners-up *FOR* and two *AGAINST* will receive a *Certificate of Merit* as a *consolation prize*.
- (c) All participants will be given a *Certificate of Participation*.

