

GUIDELINES FOR DEBATE & DECLAMATION CONTEST

The following rules & regulations will be applicable for the participants:-

Debate

1. Debate will be conducted in two categories:- JUNIOR (upto Class X) & SENIOR (XI&XII).
2. Participants should avoid reading from a previously prepared script, any paper or aid.
3. Two participants from each school shall constitute a team in each category. One participant shall speak in favour of the motion and the other against it. This will be decided on the spot by draw of lots before the debate.
4. The speakers who initiate both the motions will get one extra minute for each speaker, at the end, when all the participants have spoken.
5. Topic for the debate will be given on the spot. Initial one hour will be allotted for the preparation. Accompanying teacher will not be allowed to be with the participants during this time.
6. Each speaker will be given five minutes. At the end of the fourth minute a warning bell will be given and the final bell at the end of the fifth minute. The speaker exceeding the time limit will be penalized.
7. The speakers will address the chair only. Unparliamentary language should not be used. No personal comments or observations should be made against any religion, caste, community, political party or individual. The matter should be limited to the topic only.
8. Points awarded by individual judges will be added for each speaker, and then for each team.
9. A lively rebuttal / refutation for approximately 2 minutes will follow each speech with interjections from the participants. (this depends upon the availability of time)
10. Participants should not carry mobile phones with them.

Declamation Contest

1. This competition shall be conducted in two categories:- JUNIOR (upto Class X) & SENIOR (XI&XII)
2. Each school can present two participants in each category.
3. The passage for declamation will be provided by the organizers.
4. Time allotted is 3 mts. Marks will be deducted on exceeding the allotted time.
5. Points awarded by individual judges will be added for each speaker and then for each team.
6. The speaker will be adjudged on the basis of appropriate gesture, emotions, intonation and presentation.
7. Participants will be allotted some time to go through the passage.

The Top two contestants from each category will be sent for the National Level competitions in Debate and Declamation. The winners will represent the region. Therefore, the best two will be selected even if they are from different schools.

Registration of candidates for State Level Debate & Declamation contest

School Code No.:.....
Name of School:.....
Address.....
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JUNIOR GROUP

1. DEBATE

(i) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

(ii) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

2. DECLAMATION

(i) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

(ii) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

SENIOR GROUP

1. DEBATE

(i) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

(ii) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

2. DECLAMATION

(i) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

(ii) Name..... Class..... Boy / Girl

Name of Escort Teacher.....

Contact number of escort teacher / school / principal.....

Signature of Principal

School Rubber Stamp

**This form should reach the host school at least 10 days before the date of the contest.
Participants, who need accommodation at the Venue, are requested to contact the host school.**