
Guidelines

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

- The organizers reserve the right to modify the rules or guidelines at any time. Any such changes will be communicated to the participants promptly.
 - Decisions made by the judging panel will be final and binding on all teams. No appeals or queries regarding the judgment will be entertained.
 - Prize pool is subjected to the number of participants and on the discretion of the organising committee.
 - Teams are responsible for ensuring their submission complies with the guidelines.
 - **Cliffesto'25** reserves the right to disqualify any team at any stage for non-compliance with the rules or misconduct.
 - For any queries or clarifications, participants are encouraged to contact the **Cliffesto'25** organizing team.
-

Contact Details of Event Head:

Name- Akriti Verma

Phone Number- 7667226479

Email- bt23cse039@nituk.ac.in



Debate Competition

Debating is not just about winning or losing; it's about fostering critical thinking, promoting the exchange of ideas, and developing the skills necessary to communicate complex issues in a clear and compelling manner.

1.Teams and Speakers:

Team Composition: Typically, a debate involves two teams:

- **Affirmative** (proposing the motion)
- **Negative** (opposing the motion).

Teams will consist of 2 members.

Speaker Order: Each team has a designated order for speaking, usually consisting of:

- **First Speaker** (Delivers the speech)
- **Second Speaker** (Participates in question round)

2. Structure of the Debate:

- **Speaking Time:** Each speaker is allocated a set time to speak, that is ,2 minutes.
- **Analysing period:** A time period of 30 seconds will be allotted to each team to analyse the opponent's stance and frame questions.
- **Question Round:** 4 minutes will be allotted for question/conversation round
- **Timekeeper:** A timekeeper will monitor the speakers' time and will alert them when time is up.

3. PARTICIPATION:

Maximum number of teams: 20 teams

Members in each team: 2

External Participation: 10 teams (remaining 10 can be external or internal)

No of teams for second round: 4 teams

4. Rounds:

The competition shall be conducted in two rounds:

1st ROUND:

- Topics will be given beforehand.
- Each team will be given 2 minutes to deliver their speeches in favour or opposition.
- 30 seconds will be provided to analyse the opponent's speech and frame questions
- Question round: 4 minutes will be provided to put up questions and prove their point

2nd ROUND:

- 4 best teams will be qualified for the second round
- Topics will be selected from the decided pool, by lottery system.
- Each team will be given 2 minutes to deliver their speeches in favour or against.
- 30 seconds will be provided to analyse the opponent's speech and frame questions
- Question round: 4 minutes will be provided to put up questions and prove their point

5. Argumentation and Evidence:

- Arguments should be logical, well-structured, and supported by evidence (facts, statistics, expert opinions, etc.).
- Each team should aim to provide a clear definition of terms if the motion requires it.
- **Refutation** is an important skill: debaters should address and challenge the arguments put forth by the opposing team.

6. Rules of Conduct:

- **Respect and Professionalism:** Speakers must show respect for their opponents and the moderator.
- **No Personal Attacks:** Personal insults or attacks on individuals are prohibited.
- **No Interrupting:** Debaters must not interrupt their opponents while they are speaking.
- **Adherence to Time:** Teams must not exceed their allotted time, and should avoid speaking too briefly as well.

7. Judging Criteria:

Judges will evaluate debaters based on several criteria:

Criteria	Weightage
Content	30%
Rebuttal and Counter arguments	20%
Persuasiveness and Impact	20%
Presentation and Delivery	20%
Quality of Questions	10%

8. Topic:

- For the first round, the topic will be announced beforehand, the organizing committee will decide whether a team will prepare arguments in favour (Affirmative) or against (Negative) the motion.
Teams will be informed about their topic and stance in debate at least 3 days before the competition.
- For the second round, the topics will be provided on the spot, and the organizing committee will decide the stance(favour or opposition) of the teams.

9. PRIZES

- 1st Position- Rs 7000only
- 2nd position- Rs 5000only
- 3rd position- Rs 3000only
- The prize money will be awarded to winners via NEFT and will be processed within 25 working days after receiving the prize money from our sponsors.
- The winners will have to mail the following information (immediately after the announcement of results) to **cliffesto'25@nituk.ac.in** strictly in the following format:
 - Subject ▪ Competition Name, Team ID - your position
 - Body of mail: ▪ Captain Account Holder's Name
 - ▪ Account Number
 - ▪ Bank name and Branch name.
 - ▪ IFSC Code

10. Certificate Policy:

- Certificate of Excellence will be given to all the winners.
- Certificates of Participation will be given to all the teams who qualify in the first round of the competition.
- The teams which get disqualified due to disobeying any of the competition rules will not be considered for the certificate

Important points:

- Exceeding the time limit by every 15 seconds will lead to deduction of 5 points.
- One of the team members will be responsible for presenting the 2 minute content, and the other member will have to participate in the questions round. Both responsibilities can't be performed by the same member.

