



**2022**

**VERBATTLE INTERNATIONAL 2022 ONLINE DEBATE COMPETITION**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

1. Entry is for school students across the globe in the age **group of 13-18 years and studying in Grade 8-12**. The relaxation in age is up to a maximum of 30 days on either limit of age.
2. A team would consist of **two participants** only.
3. A team is identified by its School & Student names.
4. The declaration of results shall be final and binding on all participants and no dispute shall be entertained under any circumstance.
5. **Registration fee per team is INR 2000 / USD 40 / EUR 35 and payable by online transfer / NEFT / Google pay in favour of Verbattle Foundation.**
6. All decisions with regard to the content, scope and structure of the event shall vest with the organisers only. And, all such decisions shall be final and binding on all participants of the event.
7. In case of non-participation by the participants in the team, the team would be disentitled to claim any other opportunity or chance and the entry fee paid by such individual or team shall stand forfeited.
8. The facts and information submitted in the participation registration as also information furnished by the participants shall be self attested by the participants. It shall be presumed that the participants have obtained permission from their parents / guardians and school to participate in the competition and have understood the inherent terms and risks of participating in the competition.
9. Rules of participation in the various rounds of the competition shall be provided along with the format of the qualifying rounds up to the finals, from time to time. This will be based on the format already announced and available as part of the competition and shall be in use in the event of any minor modification or generic adjustment that may have to be made to adapt to technology or the limitations of it. Every related information is available on the website. If there is any confusion, the same may be clarified by writing to the office of Verbattle.
10. All payments have to be made via online transfer. DD / cheque/ Cash can be accepted on a case to case basis with validity and clearance dates being assured well before the commencement of the competition. DD/Cheque to be drawn in favour of Verbattle Foundation, payable at Bengaluru. Any cash payment without receipt is at the risk of the payer.

11. Should any information be discovered to be incorrect, the organisers reserve the right to disqualify such team and to deny or withhold participation and the entry fee paid by such team will be forfeited. The decision of the organizers in this regard would be final and binding.

12. Any unacceptable or indecent behavior by the participants will invite immediate disqualification for the team.

13. Entry fee once paid will not be paid back under any circumstance and is not transferable.

14. In case of the results of the debate, the decision of the judges will be final in consultation with the chief moderator/nominated representative. No dispute and disagreement will be entertained thereafter.

15. For any reason if any judge cannot present himself/herself during the event, the moderator or any designated individual from Verbattle can step in and award scores to the teams.

16. The participant should be prepared to endure criticism, defeat or unpleasant comments by any person during the tournament/competition. Any injury or other bodily distress inflicted by any participant upon himself/herself shall be deemed to have arisen from a failure of either the participants or the parents or of the institution or all by not ascertaining the risks the attendant faces in such competitions/ tournaments. All participants, their parents or guardians and the concerned institution hereby agree to hold the organizers of the competition/tournament as well as the sponsors, judges and other persons involved with the competition/tournament immune from any claim that may be brought in respect of any emotional or physical injury or distress suffered by any participant.

17. Filming/recording of the event and also showing some participants or debate is entirely the discretion of the producer in charge of producing the video post the online activity irrespective of its streaming and availability on any platform. No participant can claim the right to be or not to be recorded, filmed, streamed, visually documented to be shown on TV or any other medium. Verbattle reserves the right to use any captured and/or recorded visuals from the event or the event location for its own purpose.

18. All participants will be issued a digital / online certificate for their highest level of participation. A hard/physical copy may be obtained by any participant through a special request by bearing the postal/courier charges.

19. Any technical issues faced at the participants' end which might prevent them from fully or partially participating in their allotted debate / which might prevent other teams to complete the designated rounds / which might result in the judges or moderator being unable to listen or follow the delivery of debates with reasons notwithstanding internet connectivity / internet speed / audio (sound) / camera & light, background & location noise or disturbance or any other specific or nonspecific situation will not be the liability of Verbattle in any manner and Verbattle shall retain its right to reschedule or retain the

round / debate and/or allow the round to proceed without the participation of such team member / team that might have the technical issue, with full or no impact on the debate/team as the case may be.

20. Depending on the stage/level of the competition, Verbattle, as per its discretion, may decide to go ahead with a debate/debate round, with a minimum of 2 teams and/or judges may be impressed upon to award their scores based on prior performance and/or the entire debate may be rescheduled with or without a change in statement.

21. Since the online format is exclusively dependent on clear visuals and also an uncompromising quality and clarity of sound, speech and volume, the moderator, in consultation with judges and other participants, reserves the right to allow the commencement / continued participation of any team member / team/s, and such action may result in a nominal provision of time for the same to be resolved, and /or the rescheduling of the event.

22. Time allotted for debates shall strictly be followed with login by respective teams at least 10 minutes prior. Maintaining sound hygiene, keeping the cameras on and avoiding visual disturbance, to be strictly avoided.

23. If any team needs any specific date / time slot, they should inform much earlier, before the schedules are prepared and posted in the group. Once schedules are posted, changes in schedules are not entertained for any reason but for any genuine medical exigency. This is applicable in the preliminary & initial rounds of the competition. The same shall not be applicable to higher levels of the competition, but for any genuine medical exigency, depending on the acceptance & provision for the other teams, judges, coordinators, facility & other practical requirements being in order.

24. Reading out from the screen or any reference material is to be strictly avoided. Indulgence in the same will attract deduction in marks. Repeated practice of the same may lead up to the team being disqualified from the said round / competition.

25. Use of any un-parliamentary words and unauthorized engagement by any means with any participant / coordinator / official / judges will attract immediate disqualification of the student / team / school.

26. Any objection / argument / difference of opinion / issue taken up, direct or other, by any representative of the team either during / after the event that may come in the way of the smooth conduct of the event; or raise any question about the integrity of the event shall be treated with utmost seriousness and action will be taken leading up to restricting the team from further participation to its dismissal, disallowing any further participation for the respective team member/s and/or the institution or both.

27. A unique Verbattle plaque as prize is offered to each member of the winning team.