

## READY RECKONER AND FACTSHEET

### What is Verbattle?

Verbattle is the largest debate training and promotion organization which organizes some of the biggest debate competitions in India and internationally. Verbattle is also into training students in communication skills, leadership skills and thinking skills. Verbattle also conducts similar programs for professionals.

### What is Verbattle Debate Club?

Verbattle debate club is a platform for school students who love debating and also for those who want to learn the art of debating and get into competitive debating. This is just an opportunity to debate with other like minded students in similar age group sharing a passion for debating most importantly.

### More about Debate Club:

Every debate participated in by the member is recorded and every completed debate is recorded as an achievement and there are badges stars and certificates issued honouring milestones. In addition, the moderator would also guide the participants about accepted norms and rules in debates and would also give suggestions for improvement.

### Is this for students?

Yes, this is for any school going student in the age group 8 to 16 years.

### Would debates be only in English?

Yes, as of now, debates would only be in English, but we plan to have in other languages too.

### What are the days and timings of sessions?

Regular club sessions on Saturdays from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm.  
Occasionally from 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm

Online club sessions on Fridays from 5 pm to 7 pm

### Where will the Debate Club sessions be held?

Verbattle has a centre at Holy Cross Hall, Jubilee Building, 45, Museum Road, Opp. St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Bengaluru - 560045

### How are the debates conducted?

The debates follow general debate rules, either the world schools format, Verbattle format or Indian schools format. The member can choose the format and wait for the chance. The member is expected to inform in advance to be placed in a debate slot. A member who misses debates after booking slot may not be considered favourably for serious slots where there may be debaters who do not like disruption.

### What are the benefits for a child?

The benefits of children participating in debates are clear. Debates promote personal growth, develop public speaking and communication skills, improve social skills, foster critical thinking and analytical skills, promote respect for pluralism and tolerance, create an appetite for knowledge, and provide opportunities for making connections with others.

### Premium benefits

The members are eligible to participate free of cost in 2 one-day workshops on developing advanced debate skills.

### Will a member debate only once during a session?

It entirely depends on the number of participants. If there are more participants on one day, then the chance of more than one debate is slim, but when there are fewer participants, time permitting, the member may get a chance to debate more than once.

### Will there be audience to watch the debates?

Though we cannot assure a big audience the students waiting for their turn would be those interested in debates and would function as captive audience. That is also encouraged because normally members learn from their peers.

### Are parents allowed to watch?

Parents and other adults are allowed to watch only on days of performances with advance notice.

### What is the annual membership fee?

For maximum 32 sessions for Regular club members and 24 sessions for Online club members in a year, the fee is Rs.7000/-, with effect from 1st September, 2023, with issuance of a membership card for a one-year membership.

### How to register?

Parents may register the children by calling on 9886464641 or writing to [club@verbattle.com](mailto:club@verbattle.com) and enrolling through the consent form.