



# Senior

## READY RECKONER AND FACTSHEET

### What is Verbattle?

Verbattle is the largest, most exciting and unique debate and dialogue platform. Its fundamental purpose is to facilitate thought and opinion exchange in addition to its primary goal of promoting democratic values in the society. Verbattle as a recognized debate competition is well known nationally and internationally.

### What is the history of Verbattle?

Verbattle, established in 2005, began with a state-level competition in Karnataka. Till date Verbattle has conducted over 100 large scale debate competitions across India and Europe. It has today grown as India's biggest professional debating organization.

### What is the aim of Verbattle?

Verbattle aims to make the children and youth of India — logical in thinking, democratic in approach and civil in behavior.

### Is Verbattle only into debate activities?

Verbattle organizes various programs such as Debate Competitions, Debate Coaching Programs, Teacher Training Programs and Leadership Coaching Programs.

### What constitutes the spirit of Verbattle?

Verbattle essentially employs Language, Logic, Democratic Values and Competitive Thinking to effectively conduct its activities in an impacting manner.

### Who is organizing Verbattle Senior?

The event is organized by Verbattle Foundation, a premier global debate and leadership education organization.

### When exactly are the Verbattle Senior Championship competitions?

Verbattle Senior 2023 will start with the Zonal clamber at Belagavi, followed by Zonal clamber at Bengaluru. All state level competitions and culmination with the finals will be held at Bengaluru on 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.

### How many teams are expected to participate in Verbattle Senior?

Invitations are sent to more than 1000 institutions. About 400 teams are expected to participate from all over Karnataka. Including the number of teams participating in the selection rounds at the institution level, not less than 2000 students would participate in the overall process of the event.

### How many members should a team consist of?

A team should consist of two students from the same institution.

### Is there any entry fee?

Yes, an entry fee of ₹1200/- is charged per team. for simple accommodation in Bengaluru.

### When will the registration begin?

Registrations are open and ongoing.

### Will individual teams be allowed to participate on their own?

Entry through institutions is desired, but independent teams with authorization letter from the institution will be allowed. But the team will be recognized by the name of the institution. Both the team members should be from the same institution(that is, in case the institute has many units/branches the members of the team shall belong to the same unit or branch, though they may study in different classes or disciplines in the unit)

### Is there an age limit for the participants?

They should be in the age group of 18 to 24 years as on 1st September, 2023. Age criterion is strictly adhered to, based on the declaration in the application.

### What are the Prizes offered?

A cash prize of ₹20,000/- plus a lot of other useful prizes are offered to the winning team. The other two finalist teams will receive a cash prize of ₹5,000/- each team, and other prizes.

### What about certificates?

Digital Certificates will be issued to all participating students eliminated at each level.

### Who conducts the debates?

Deepak Thimaya, eminent TV personality in Karnataka, is the founder of Verbattle. Mr Thimaya, with his unparalleled and distinct knowledge and experience in various fields, monitors, supervises and conducts the debates. (More information about him may be found on [www.deepakthimaya.com](http://www.deepakthimaya.com))

### On what basis would the debates be judged?

The Judges would award marks for logic, arguments, language, presentation, speaking skills, body language, presence of mind and time management. Conduct of the debaters on stage, their ability to think on their feet, wide exposure to knowledge, comprehension, listening skills and appealing talents will attract winning marks. More information can be had on the website.

### What are the desired qualities in a debater?

The debater should be confident, self assured, well informed, open minded, sensitive, sensible, affable, accommodative, intelligent, quick thinking and a very good listener. A good debater would win without fighting. More information can be had on the website.

### How is the selection done when there are different sets of Judges?

Each complete phase of the event is divided by the number of sessions of judges. The contests/teams per session are proportionally considered for the number of teams to be selected for the whole phase.

### Who are the people/departments associated with Verbattle?

Eminent personalities and well – known organizations have been associated with Verbattle and have continued their support. Verbattle has witnessed a galaxy of luminaries from different fields who have graced its various events in the past years.

## What are the stages of the event?

The First Stage is the internal selection at the College level, based on the various criteria put forth by Verbattle. The Second Stage is the Zonal Clamber Selection Round to select the total 81 teams for the state level contest. The Third Stage is State Skirmish- the contest between 81 teams. The Fourth Stage is the Combat -the Quarters, contest between 27 teams. The Fifth Stage is the Confrontation- the Semis, contest between 9 teams. The Final Face Off, is three full course debates between the final 3 teams.

## Where can one have all the details of Verbattle?

You can have most details by carefully looking at the web portal [www.verbattle.com](http://www.verbattle.com) You could also watch relevant videos in [www.youtube.com/verbattle](http://www.youtube.com/verbattle)

## Where should one contact for registration details?

You may contact the helpline number +91 988 64 64 64 1, or visit the official website [www.verbattle.com](http://www.verbattle.com), or email to [register@verbattle.com](mailto:register@verbattle.com) / [verbattle@gmail.com](mailto:verbattle@gmail.com)

## VERBATTLE SENIOR – FORMAT

Zonal Centers – Belagavi & Bengaluru.

### Clamber

Ten statements will be given to Verbattle Senior registrants. Registered teams needs to be prepared to argue in favor of and against for all the ten statements.

Three random teams will be put on the stage at a time for the Zonal debate. By the way of lotto, one statement is selected for debate for each batch. Team arguing in favor or against will also be decided by lotto (picking up of chits). There will be 4 rounds depending on number of teams participating. Each team will get one minute to speak in a round. Based on the argument, performance, behavior, and team spirit, a total of 81 teams will be selected for Skirmish round.

### State level Skirmish – 81 Teams

- Three teams debate on one statement
- Number of rounds – 4
- Total 27 debates
- Number of teams selected for next level – 27
- Debate statements given 36 hours before the contest

### Combat – 27 Teams

- Three teams debate one statement
- Number of rounds – 6 (5+ 1 audience - optional)
- Total 9 debates
- Number of teams selected for next level – 9
- Debate statements given 12 hours before the contest

### Confrontation – 9 Teams

- Three teams debate on one statement
- Number of rounds – 6 (5 + 1 audience)
- Total 3 debates
- Number of teams selected for next level – 3
- Debate statements given 2 hours before the contest

### Face–Off – 3 Teams

- Top three teams will make their own statements or alternatively, as decided by the chief moderator.
- Statement will be given to each proposing team one hour before the commencement of the debates. Opposing teams will be shared the same 30-45 minutes before.
- Number of rounds: 7 (5 debate rounds, 1 audience round, 1 judges round)
- Winner – One team

## CALENDAR FOR THE VERBATTLE - SENIOR DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

### KARNATAKA BELAGAVI & BENGALURU

DATE	ZONE	LEVEL
SEPTEMBER	BELAGAVI	ZONAL CLAMBER
25 SEPTEMBER	BENGALURU	ZONAL CLAMBER
26 SEPTEMBER	BENGALURU	SKIRMISH
27 SEPTEMBER	BENGALURU	COMBAT
SEPTEMBER	BENGALURU	CONFRONTATION & FACEOFF