

Competition Regulations

1. Any participant, who does NOT log into the ZOOM link at **least 45 minutes prior** to the start of the competition, will **AUTOMATICALLY** be disqualified. (See Event Rundown)
2. Participants **MUST** change their ZOOM name to the specified participant code & number. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
3. Each team **MUST** consist of two members. If any participants do not have a partner, one would be assigned to them randomly.
 - a. The assigned partner is final, and no changes are allowed to the pairing.
 - b. If any participant originally joining the competition as an individual decided to join as a team, they **MUST** notify the organizing committee at least **TWO WEEKS** prior to the start of the competition.
4. If a member of any team is ill and is no longer able to compete, the team is allowed to replace the member.
 - a. Each team is responsible to find their own substitute.
 - b. Each team **MUST** notify the organizing committee about any substitution made at least **72 hours** prior to the start of the competition.
5. Resolutions of the debate would be provided on the day of the competition.
 - a. The resolutions will be revealed by the judges. As such, the judges have the final decision on the selection of the resolutions.
6. The judge will flip a coin to decide which side each team will be representing.
7. Each team is allowed to decide the member that would be speaking as First and Second speaker.
 - a. The First Speaker would be responsible to conduct the rebuttal for both teams
 - b. First Proposition speaker is in charge of defining the terms in the resolution.
8. **NO** points of information (POI's) allowed.
9. Times indicated per speech are maximums with a 30 second grace period. There is no minimum time you must meet.
10. The use of the internet is allowed.
 - a. However, any participants found plagiarizing any works on the internet will receive points penalty. (i.e. reading directly from an article)
11. The participants are **ONLY** allowed to receive help from their teammate.

- a. Any participant suspected or found to have received help from anyone besides their teammates will receive points penalty to their team.

12. Order and timing are as follows (adjusted from traditional Parliamentary timing.):

- 15 minutes prep time with your partner in the breakout room
- First Proposition Speech: 4 min
- First Opposition Speech: 5 min
- Second Proposition Speech: 5 min
- Second Opposition Speech: 5 min
- Opposition Rebuttal: 3 min
- Proposition Rebuttal: 4 min

There is a 30 second grace period between the transition of each speaker.

13. Any decisions made by the judges in the competition are **FINAL**.

14. Teams are still allowed to compete even when they have forfeited the first round.

- a. Teams that forfeit the first round are NOT eligible to win any awards. However, they are still eligible to receive participation certificate if they competed in the second round.

15. See Change Education reserve the right to disqualify any participants deemed to have violated any of the rules stated.

Competition Rules

1. Participants are **REQUIRED** to have their camera turned on, and their face visible at all times during the competition (unless instructed otherwise).
 - a. Participants **MUST** ensure their face is always clearly visible with sufficient light.
2. Participants **MUST** ensure that their device is muted unless when speaking.
3. Participants should ensure that their device has an adequate microphone to ensure clear sound.
4. Participants **MUST** ensure a quiet environment during the competition.
5. Participants should ensure a stable internet connection throughout the competition.
6. Participants should wear a button-down shirt and present a clean or professional appearance.
7. Name calling or bullying is **NOT** allowed throughout the competition. See Change Education has a **ZERO TOLERANCE** policy for this behavior.



8. Schools are ONLY allowed to send 2 teams for each categories. Categories are defined as follow: Upper Primary Novelist, Upper Primary Open, Middle School Novelist, Middle School Open, High School Novelist, High School Open.