

PARAKASHTHA DEBATE IILM UNIVERSITY, GREATER NOIDA

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The teams shall comprise 2 participants. One to speak for the motion and the other against.
2. The participant speaking for the motion will speak first, the speaking time for both the speakers will be 4 Minutes and additional 2 minutes for rebuttal.
3. A warning bell shall be rung 1 minute prior to the set time limit, content spoken post the given time limit will not be marked by the judges.
4. Cross-talks will be highly discouraged, making personal remarks or comments on other teams or individuals could lead to direct dismissal from the event.
5. An individual cannot ask questions to their own teammate.
6. The contestants will be marked on the basis of their content, articulation, oratory skills, rebuttals, behavior and presence of mind.
7. Any team that violates any work-place rules shall be held accountable for their actions and therefore be disqualified from the competition with immediate effect.
8. An institution can send more than 1 team. All teams will have to register individually.
9. **Structure of the Competition**
 - There will be Preliminary, Quarterfinal, Semi-Final and Final Rounds.
 - In preliminary rounds, Both the members of the team will be speaking on the topic (One for the Motion and One against the motion). Top 8 Teams will qualify for Quarter Final Rounds.
 - In the Quarterfinals the speakers of the teams shall switch sides and speak from the opposite perspective.
 - In the Semi-Finals, a new impromptu topic shall be given to the teams with 20 minutes of preparation time. (One team member will speak for the motion and the other against the motion)
 - In the final round, there will be a draw of chits that will decide the sides for both the teams. In this round, the speakers of the team shall collectively speak from one side in a direct face off round with the other finalist team.
10. The dress code for the event is Western or traditional formals.