

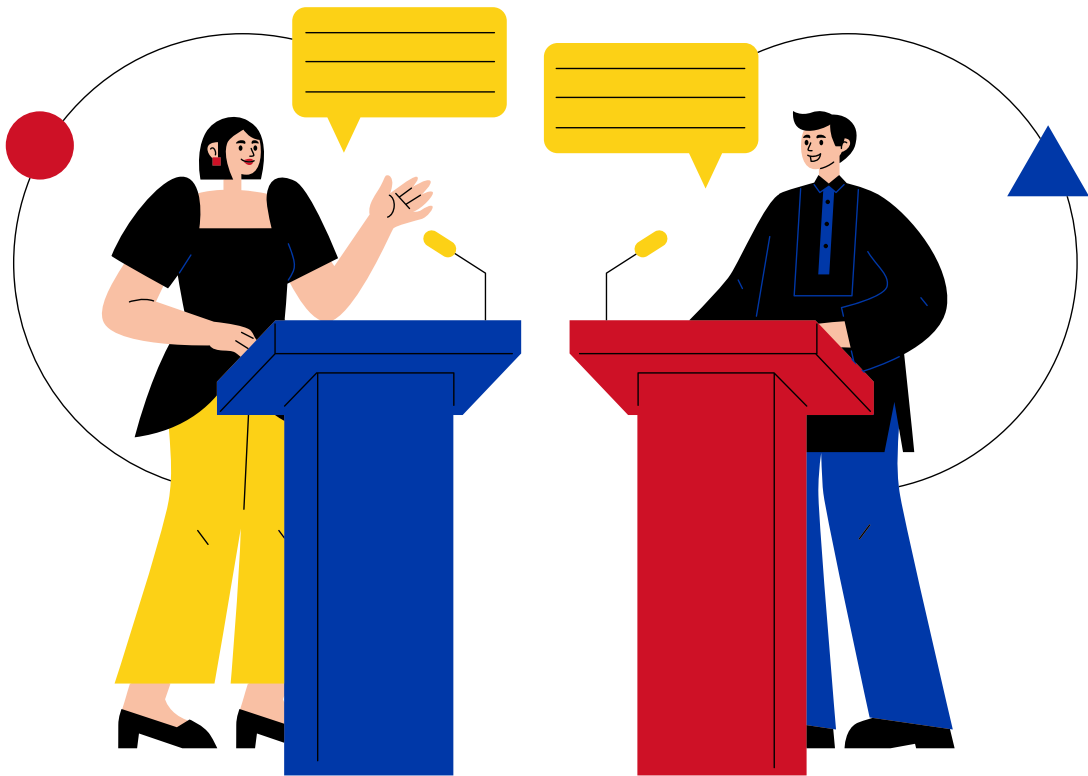
CANONSphere

Presents



2nd DEBATE COMPETITION 2026

RULEBOOK



**“WHERE IDEAS COMPETE AND VOICES
RISE .”**

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Canonsphere will conduct 2nd debate competition on 3rd and 4th october 2026.

The rules pertaining to the competition is illustrated in the rulebook.

The competition shall be conducted in accordance with these rules, and all the participants shall be presumed to have read and understood the rules.

✦ **AIM AND PURPOSE** ✦

To provide students with a platform to hone and showcase their oratory skills, while also offering them an opportunity to come together and exchange ideas.

INTERPRETATION

The Organizers shall have the exclusive authority to interpret these Rules in the interest of fairness and equality. Such interpretation shall be final and conclusive, and the decision of the Organizers regarding their application shall be binding on all participants.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Last date of Registration:** 1st October, 2026
- **Clarification Session:** 2nd October, 2026
- **Inauguration and Allotment of Rooms:** 2nd October, 2026
- **Preliminary Rounds:** 3rd October, 2026
- **Semi Finals and Finals:** 4th October, 2026
- **Result Declaration:** 4th October, 2026

MODE OF THE EVENT

Online (Virtual)

The event will be conducted on the Zoom platform.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

- Team of two can be formed.
- Both institutional and cross-institutional teams are allowed.

RULES:

- Each team/ Individual shall be randomly assigned a side as either for the "***motion or against the motion.*** "
- '**For the motion**' the arguments will be given in support of the motion raised, and 'against the motion' will have to oppose it. Each person will make a speech and a rebuttal.
- The participants shall not disclose their identities in any manner or form and shall only represent themselves by the codes that will be allotted to them after a successful registration.

- The team/ Individual supporting the motion must not shift its point of view. The same goes for the opposition, who must oppose the motion completely (whatever their private opinions may be).
- If a speaker makes a statement, they must be able to provide evidence or reasons to support the statement.
- Facts presented in a debate must be accurate.
- Speakers may not bring up new points in a rebuttal speech.
- Use of foul or obscene language will lead to disqualification.
- No book, document or any other electronic device shall be allowed to the participant during the competition.

- Decision made by the panel of Judges will be final and binding.
- The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final.
- Participants must keep their video turned on while delivering their speech.
- ***Failure to keep the video on will result in disqualification***

ROUNDS:

Preliminary Round:

Each team/individual will have **5 minutes** for making speeches (2 minutes per speaker and 1 minute for rebuttal). Based on the performance of this round, **Top 10 higher scorer** teams/Individuals will be qualified for the semi-finals.

Semi-Finals:

Each team/individual shall get **10 minutes** of speaking time (4 minutes per speaker and 2 minutes for rebuttal). **Top 6 higher scorer** teams/ Individuals will qualify for the finals.

Finals:

Each team/individual shall get **15 minutes** of speaking time (6 minutes and 30 seconds per speaker and 2 minutes for rebuttal). **Top 2 higher scorer** teams/individuals will be declared winners.

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION

PRELIMINARY ROUND:

Social media has become the new political battlefield.

SEMI - FINALS:

The internet spreads panic faster than facts.

FINALS:

Judicial activism threatens the doctrine of separation of powers.

JUDGING CRITERIA

S.NO.	MARKING CRITERIA	POINTS ALLOTTED
1.	CONTENT/ SUBSTANCE	25
2.	ORATORY SKILLS	25
3.	PRESENTATIO SKILLS	25
4.	CLARITY OF THOUGHT	25
	TOTAL	100

REGISTRATION PROCESS

Last Date to Register: 1st October 2026

Event Date: 3rd & 4th October, 2026

Mode: Online

Registration Fees:

Individual: ₹250/-

Team: ₹400/-

SCAN TO REGISTER



PAYMENT DETAILS



- ***Payment must be made using the given link only. No request for payment through any other means shall be accepted.***
- ***Proof of payment must be uploaded in the registration form after payment.***

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OR
SCAN QR CODE



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