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RULEBOOK

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1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Canon Sphere will conduct 'Vocal Fest' on 24th and 25th June 2023. The fest will comprise primarily of two major events: Debate Competition and Extempore Speech Competition. The rules pertaining to both competitions are illustrated in this 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.

2. AIM AND PURPOSE

To give students a platform to hone and showcase their oratory skills and give them an opportunity to come together and exchange their ideas.

3. INTERPRETATION

The Organizers will have exclusive authority to interpret the rules in the interest of fairness and equality. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Organizers shall be conclusive, and the Organizers' decision regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

4. IMPORTANT DATES

- Opening of Registration: 1st June 2023
- Last date of registration: 5th July 2023
- Clarification Session: 7th July 2023
- Preliminary Rounds: 8th July 2023
- Semifinals and finals: 9th July 2023
- Result Declaration: 9th July 2023

5. MODE OF THE EVENT

Online via Zoom

6. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS: DEBATE COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY:

Participants must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree (BA. LL.B/ BBA LL.B/ B.Sc LL.B/ B.Com LL.B/ BA/ B.Com/ B.Tech/ etc.) from any recognized university. Students pursuing post-graduate degrees and professionals are not eligible.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

A team of two members must be formed. Both institutional and cross-institutional teams are allowed.

RULES:

- Teams shall be randomly assigned a side as either 'for the motion' or 'against the motion'
- 'For the motion' teams will have to give their arguments in support of the motion raised, and 'against the motion' teams will have to oppose it.
- Each team will make two speeches (one speech per member) and a rebuttal, which can be made by either of the two members of the team.

- The speakers shall not disclose their identities and shall only represent themselves by the team codes that will be allotted to them after a successful registration.
- The team 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.

- The participant shall keep his video on while making the speech. Not keeping the video on shall lead to disqualification.

Preliminary Round:

- Each team will have 5 minutes for making speeches (2 minutes per speaker and 1 minute for rebuttal). Based on the performance of this round, 20 teams will be qualified for the quarter-finals.

Quarter-Finals:

- Each team shall get 8 minutes of speaking time (3 minutes and 30 seconds per speaker and 1 minute for rebuttal). Based on the performance of this round, ten teams will qualify for the semi-finals.

Semi-Finals:

- Each team shall get 10 minutes of speaking time (4 minutes per speaker and 2 minutes for rebuttal). 6 best teams will qualify for the finals.

Finals:

- Each team shall get 15 minutes of speaking time (6 minutes and 30 seconds per speaker and 2 minutes for rebuttal).

THEMES FOR THE COMPETITION:

- **Preliminary Round:** This house believes that AI is a boon for humanity
- **Quarter-finals:** This house supports abolishing Capital Punishment
- **Semi-finals:** This house supports increasing the legal age of marriage for women from 18 to 21 years.
- **Finals:** This house, as the parliament, would legalize same-sex marriages.

JUDGING CRITERIA:

The participants shall be judged based on the following parameters:

Sl no.	Marking Criteria	Points Alloted
1.	Content/Substance	25
2.	Oratory Skills	25
3.	Presentation Skills	25
4.	Clarity of thought	25

7. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS: EXTEMPORE SPEECH COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY:

Participants must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree (BA LL.B/ BBA LL.B/ B.Com LL.B/ B Tech/ BA/ B.Sc/ B. Arch, etc.) from any recognized university.

RULES:

- Each participant shall be randomly assigned a topic to speak on.
- No preparation time shall be given. 1 minute shall be given to the participant to gather their thoughts post-allotment of the topic.
- The delivery style shall be conversational, oratorical, or a combination of both. The use of dramatic style shall lead to disqualification.
- The use of foul or obscene language will lead to disqualification.
- No book, document, or any electronic device shall be allowed to the participant during the competition.
- Decisions made by the panel of Judges will be final and binding.

- The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final.
- Not keeping the video on during the duration of the speech shall lead to disqualification.

Preliminary Round:

- The time limit for the speeches during the preliminary round is 4 minutes. Fifteen participants will qualify for the semi-finals based on their performance.

Semi-Finals:

- The participants shall get 6 minutes to make their speeches during the semi-finals. The five best participants shall qualify for the finals.

Finals:

- The time limit for speeches during the final round shall be 7 to 8 minutes.

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION:

Socio Contemporary Issues

JUDGING CRITERIA:

The participants shall be judged on the following parameters:

Sl no.	Marking Criteria	Points Alloted
1.	Content and Organization	25
2.	Delivery and Communication skills	25
3.	Language and expression	25
4.	Stage Presence and time management	25

8. PRIZES AND REWARDS

CASH PRIZES:

For Debate Competition:

Best Team (For the motion): Rs. 3,000

Best Team (Against the motion): Rs. 3,000

For Extempore Speech Competition:

Best Speaker: Rs. 3,000

1st Runner-Up: Rs. 2,000

2nd Runner-Up: Rs. 1,000

CERTIFICATES and TROPHIES will be issued to all prize winners. They will also be provided with **INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** at Canon Sphere.

ALL PARTICIPANTS will be eligible for the following:

- 20% scholarship discount code for all courses by Lawctopus
- 20% scholarship discount code for the Lawctopus Subscription Plan.
- 20% discount on registration for all events conducted by Canon Sphere for 1 year (till 25th June 2024)

E-CERTIFICATES shall also be issued to all participants.

9. REGISTRATION PROCEDURE AND FEES

Participants can take part in ONLY ONE of the following two competitions:

- Debate Competition
- Extempore Speech Competition

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Participants will have to register through the given link.
- Payment must be made using the payment link.
- Proof of payment must be uploaded in the registration form before submitting it.

REGISTRATION FEES:

For Debate Competition:

Rs. 600 per team

For Extempore Speech Competition:

Rs. 300 per participant

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://forms.gle/J5qHTJ2CzxpBHrWk8>

10. 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.

MAKE PAYMENT TO:

Account holder- Shaziya Khan
Account number- 0747000102001954
Bank name- Punjab National Bank
Branch- Deputy ka paraw
IFSC code - PUNB0074700

OR

Upi id- shaziya9807@oksbi

OR SCAN THIS QR CODE:



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