

INTER-MEDICAL FACULTY DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

*The inaugural inter-medical faculty debating tournament for all state medical faculties
organized by the English Literary Association of FMS USJ*

Tournament Dates: 26th and 27th August, and 3rd September 2023

Venue: Day 01, 02 - Online via Zoom, 3 preliminary rounds and announcement of breaks

Day 03 - Semi Finals and Finals at the Faculty of Medical Sciences, USJ premises

Break: Semifinals (Top 4)

Registration: Each faculty will be allowed to enter up to 2 teams with 3 members per team and 1 reserve.

Registration Link - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMo-eV9sDbAP5LQTDUvR1oHKBpialxgrQC2GOgBC-6xAhAw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Deadline for registration - 12th August 2023

Rules and Regulations

- The debates will be conducted in the Asian Parliamentary Debating format.
- The teams should comprise of undergraduate level students registered under the medical faculty of a state university.

Asian Parliamentary Debating format

- 2 Teams: Proposition & Opposition
- 3 Speakers per team
- 5-minute substantive speeches, 4-minute reply speeches.
- Only 1st and 2nd speakers are allowed to deliver the reply speeches.
- The order of speaking will be prop 1>op 1>prop 2>op 2> prop 3>op 3>Return speech by op 1>Return speech by prop 1
- Communication with teachers, coaches or anyone else who is not part of the team is not permitted during prep or during the debate round.
- **Substantive speeches** will be 5 minutes each.
 - Timing will start with the speaker's first verbal or non-verbal communication with the audience after the moderator invites the speaker.
 - A bell will be rung 1 min prior to the end of the allocated time.
 - The bell will be rung twice at the end of the allocated time.

- If the speaker continues for more than 15 seconds after the double bell sound at the end of the allocated time, he/she will be forcibly drowned out by the timekeeper by a continuous bell ring.
- The judges may consider deducting marks for additional time taken after the timekeeper starts continuously drowning out the speaker.
- **Points of Information (POIs)** and Points of Clarifications can be offered between the 1st minute and the 4th minute during the Semifinal and Final rounds.
 - POIs will not be entertained in the preliminary rounds.

Preliminary rounds

- 3 preliminary rounds will take place and teams will proceed to each round by power matching.
- Round 1 and Round 2 will be prepared rounds taking place on 26th evening and 27th morning respectively.
- Round 3 will be an impromptu round for which 45 minutes of preparation time will be provided.

Breaks

- Breaks will be announced for the semifinals in accordance with team scores and individual speaker scores.
- Semifinals will be a preparatory debate while the Finals will be an impromptu round for which 30 minutes of preparation time will be provided.
- Only teams of 3 speakers are allowed to prepare together with no access to outside help from coaches/observers and the internet.
- Speakers will not be allowed to use electronic devices to communicate with the audience for tips that may create an unfair advantage.
- Speakers are not allowed to use electronic screens to display charts, text etc.
- No personal or insulting remarks should be made.
- Speakers are encouraged to cite their sources as much as possible. Marks will be deducted if the judges believe false evidence or sources are introduced.
- Both proposing and opposing leaders cannot bring new arguments in their return speeches.
- In the sum-up speech, leaders are recommended not to consume the entirety of the speech for rebuttals, but to recapitulate and summarize their side's case clearly and concisely.
- The decision of the judges is final.

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