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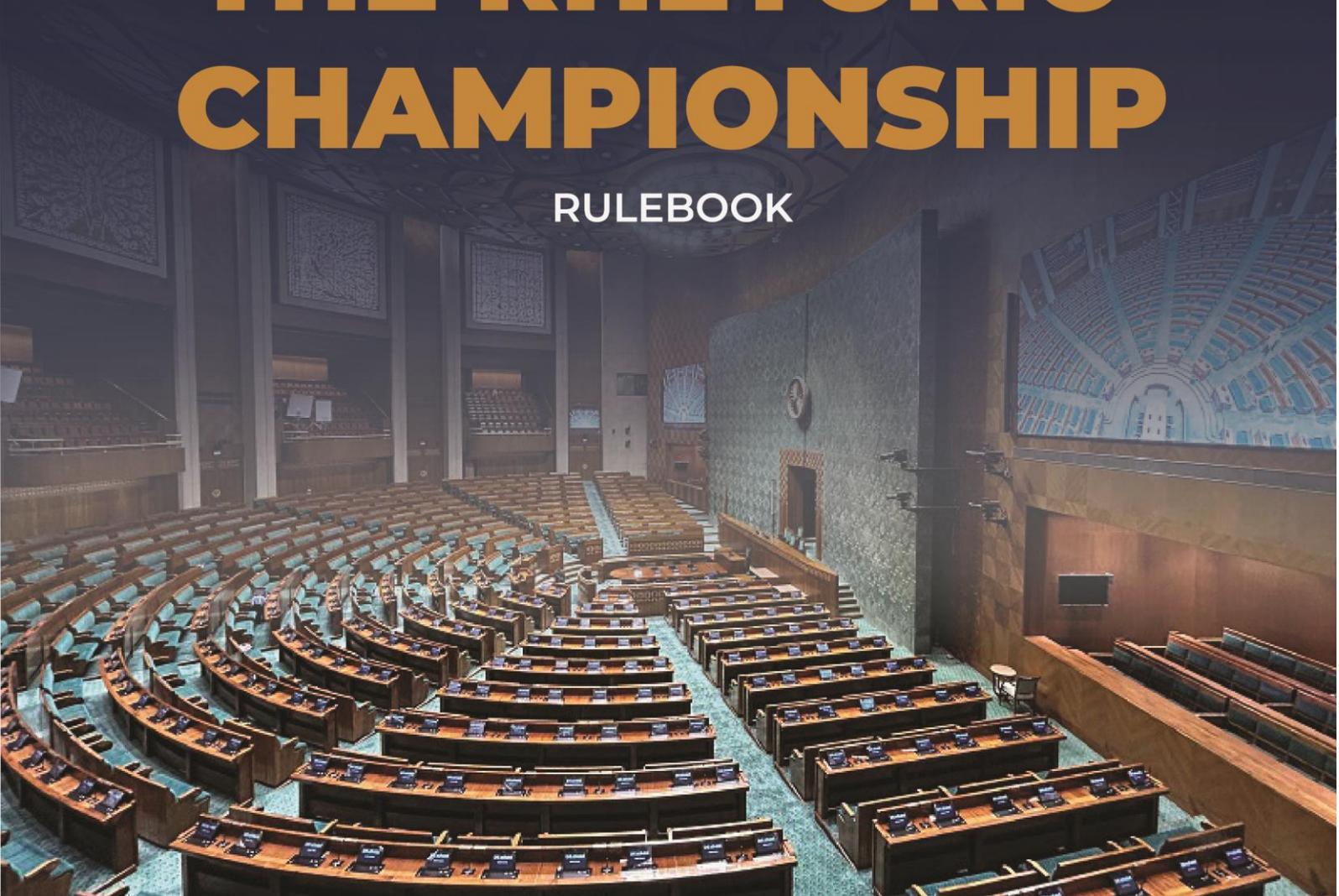
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VOX POPULI THE RHETORIC CHAMPIONSHIP

RULEBOOK



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RULEBOOK

1. Definition

The following are the definitions that are used for any terminology referred in this following event brochure:

1.1. Abusive Behaviour – Abusive Behaviour refers to characterised by physical or psychological maltreatment and includes expressing offensive reproach. People or actions that are hurtful or harmful are abusive.

1. 2. Brochure/Event Brochure - The term ‘brochure/event brochure’ refers to the brochure of Vox Populi in all official communications done by the organising committee.

1. 3. Competition/ Vox Populi: The Rhetoric Championship – The term ‘Competition’ refers to this particular event of “Vox Populi” which is referred in this brochure.

1. 4. Discrimination – The term Discrimination refers to an unfair system that treats one group of people or an individual worse than another on the basis of prejudice or other factors.

1. 5. Debate Society/ Society/ Organizing Committee/DEBSOC – Refers to the Debate Society, Presidency School of Law, Presidency University, Bengaluru. The Debate Society is the organizing and administrative body throughout the duration of the competition.

1. 6. Government – The term Government refers to the system or form by which a community or other political unit is governed. It exercises authority on the affairs of the State and also acts as the authority responsible for the rights and liabilities against its citizens.

1. 7. Homophobia – It refers to the Prejudice against (fear or dislike of) homosexual people and homosexuality. Homophobia is a hatred of or prejudice against gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender people.

1. 8. Manifesto – The term manifesto refers to a document which is released by a political party or alliance once the party decides their stance on a particular motion. This definition is inclusive of the definitions provided in clause 7.2 and Annexure 1 of this rulebook.

1. 9. Motion – The term Motion refers to a formal proposal for action made to a deliberative assembly for discussion and vote that is done in the Parliamentary or a legislative assembly. It also includes the definition provided in clause 6.3.1. of this rulebook.

1. 10. Position Paper – The term Position Paper is a document which is released by individual portfolios consisting of their opinions in reference to the stance discussed. It is also inclusive of the definition that is provided in clause 7.4 and Annexure 3 of this rulebook.

1. 11. Opposition – The term Opposition refers to the statements, claims, actions which are made against the formal proposal made in the Parliament by the major/ruling political entity.

1. 12. Participant – The term Participant refers to any eligible individual who is a part of the competition “Vox Populi”.

1. 13. Plagiarism - The act of plagiarising refers to taking someone's words or ideas as if they were your own. A piece of writing or an idea that has been copied from someone else and is presented as being one’s own work

1. 14. Portfolio – The term portfolio refers to the role of the head of a government department and the actions and activities assigned to or required or expected of a person or group. It is also inclusive of the definition mentioned in clause 6.3.2 of this rulebook.

1. 15. Press Release - The term Press Release refers to a document which contains the details of the Press Conference which are submitted by the participants involved in Press Corps during the course of the competition. It is also inclusive of the definition which is provided under clause 7.3 and Annexure 2 of this rulebook.

1. 16. Racism - Racism can refer either to the general belief that different races have different abilities (and that some races are inherently superior to others) or to the actual practice of discriminating against people because of their race. Racism is the practice of discriminating against people based on their race or ethnic background.

1. 17. Rulebook - The term 'rulebook' refers to the rulebook of Vox Populi. The rulebook shall act as the Constitution of this competition and any decision arising shall be based on the interpretation of the rulebook.

1. 18. Scouting – The term scouting indicates the act of exploring in order to gain information which is intended to be confidential or only available for the organisers.

1. 19. Sexism - Sexism means discrimination against people because of their sex: anything unfair to males or females, just because they're males or females, is an example of sexism.

1. 20. Xenophobia- The term Xenophobia refers to the fear of foreigners or strangers.

2. Powers of Organizing Committee

2.1 In the event of any misconduct, indiscipline, or violation of the rules and decorum during the course of the competition, the Debate Society (DEBSOC) shall be vested with the authority to take cognizance of such matters and initiate appropriate disciplinary action.

2.2 The power to inquire into, adjudicate upon, and decide matters relating to misconduct shall exclusively vest in the Dean, Presidency School of Law, the Faculty Coordinator, and the Student Coordinators of the Society. These members shall collectively constitute the Competent Authority for the purpose of disciplinary proceedings.

2.3 It is hereby clarified that no other student members, volunteers, or participants shall hold any authority or decision-making power in relation to such matters. Their involvement, if any, shall be restricted to providing assistance, evidence, or administrative support and shall not extend to influencing or determining the decision of the Competent Authority.

2.4 The decision taken by the Debate Society (DEBSOC), acting through the said Competent Authority, shall be final, binding, and conclusive upon all participants. Furthermore, any decision rendered in such disciplinary matters shall operate as a precedent and shall be binding in all subsequent competitions and events organised under the aegis of DEBSOC, unless otherwise modified by the Dean, Presidency School of Law or the Faculty Coordinator.

3. Eligibility of Participants

3.1 The competition is open to students of 11th and 12th grade/Pre-University from all schools and undergraduate degree programs across all States and Union Territories of India.

3.2 Participants must be currently enrolled in a secondary school program or undergraduate program at a recognised educational institution.

3.3 Participants must be 25 years of age or below as of the date of registration, subject to confirmation by the organizing committee.

3.4 All participants may be required to submit valid proof of age and proof of enrolment during registration or at any subsequent stage of the competition.

3.5 The organising committee reserves the right to verify eligibility and disqualify any participant who fails to meet the stated criteria or provides false information.

4. Registration of Participants

4.1 Participants are required to register either individually or as a team of four Delegations through the official registration link or QR code issued by the Debate Society, School of Law, Presidency University.

4.2 Participants will obtain a link to the official WhatsApp group for updates and communication at the end of the registration form after successfully completing it.

4.3 A registration fee of ₹600 per individual delegate, and a fee of ₹2200 per team of 4 delegates (delegation) must be paid at the time of registration. The payment details is shared in the brochure and registration form.

4.4 Participants must upload a screenshot confirming the completion of the fee payment in the registration form as proof of payment.

- 4.5. Participants are hereby informed that a discount is applicable for Delegation registrations made in groups of four members from the same university. The Delegation composition must include three members representing three different alliances (one in each) and one member representing the Press Corps.
- 4.6. Participants will be permitted to verify registration, subject to the condition that they present a valid student identification card and provide a screenshot confirming the successful completion of the registration fee payment.
- 4.7. Participants will receive their confirmation by 27th of February, 2026, i.e., a day after the last day of registration. Participants will receive their party and portfolio allocation via email at least 20 days prior to the event. Participants can also address their queries through the email ID provided.
- 4.8. Allocations will be based on participants' prior experience, achievements, and responses in the registration form.
- 4.9. Participants are hereby informed that the registration fee covers Delegation Kits of the event. Additionally, all participants will be provided with lunch and high tea.
- 4.10. Participants shall note that the registration fee is non-refundable at any costs. The only exception that is applicable to this clause shall be when the event is cancelled from the Organising Committee.

5. MINUTE TO MINUTE

DAY 1

ALLIANCE FORMATION & MANIFESTO DRAFTING 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Registrations & Briefing

Participants arrive, complete registration formalities, and receive their Delegation kits. The Organising Committee will brief all participants on event rules, procedures, and the flow of the day.

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Alliance Allocation & Orientation

Delegations will be grouped into alliances based on political ideologies. Each alliance will receive an overview of its agenda, objectives, and expected deliverables for the day.

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM | Intra-Alliance Discussions

Alliances convene in their assigned rooms to deliberate on key national / international issues. Members will exchange perspectives, finalise their stance, and assign internal roles for manifesto drafting.

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Lobbying Session – Corridor Politics Hour

It's time for political maneuvering! Delegations engage in strategic lobbying and negotiations to persuade members of other alliances to join their cause.

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM | Lunch Break

Delegations are encouraged to network informally and refuel before the afternoon sessions.

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM | Drafting the Alliance Manifesto

Teams collaboratively prepare their official Alliance Manifesto and Position Paper, encapsulating their policy vision and reform strategies.

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Press Hour

The press team interviews alliance representatives, asking sharp questions on their ideologies, promises, and leadership. Media coverage will be live on the event's social handles.

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Zero Hour

Delegations present brief statements addressing urgent matters, allowing for passionate exchanges and spirited debate in true parliamentary style.

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM | High Tea & Cultural Performances

An evening of relaxation and cultural celebration featuring performances by students, followed by light refreshments.

By 8:00 PM | Submission Deadline

All alliances must submit a soft copy of their Manifesto and Position Paper to the Organising Committee. The Press corps will also be required to submit their press release.

1. Online submission should be done through the link provided
2. The participants may carry the hard copies with them.

6.4 Mode of Release

6.4.1. All official documents will be released by the DEBSOC Committee through the official event communication channels, which may include:

Official Email Announcements or Social Media Handles (WhatsApp)

6.4.2. Participants are advised to regularly check these platforms for updates and ensure they refer only to verified versions of the documents.

7. Submission of Documents:

7.1 During the course of the competition, participants shall be required to prepare and submit specific written documents as part of their respective roles. These documents serve as instruments

for policy articulation, public communication, and individual analysis. There shall be three types of documents to be submitted by participants.

7.2 A Manifesto is a formal declaration outlining an alliance's collective stance, policy objectives, and proposed course of action on the agenda under discussion. It encapsulates the alliance's vision, strategic goals, and negotiation priorities. It shall be submitted jointly by each alliance and will serve as the foundational policy document guiding the alliance's statements, debates, and negotiations throughout the sessions. It will be referred to during committee deliberations and inter-alliance discussions.

7.3 A Press Release is an official written statement issued by the Press Corps to communicate verified updates, summaries of proceedings, and key outcomes to the larger audience. It must maintain journalistic neutrality and factual accuracy. It shall be submitted only by the Press Corps members and will be utilised during and after the committee sessions to inform participants of developments, highlight major debates, and maintain the record of public communication.

7.4 A Position Paper is an individual analytical document that expresses a participant's personal assessment, insights, and recommendations on the issues debated during the sessions. It should demonstrate critical reasoning, originality, and understanding of the agenda. It shall be submitted individually by all participants and will serve as an assessment of the participant's comprehension, engagement, and analytical contribution to the discussions.

7.5 All documents must strictly adhere to the standardized format prescribed in the Annexure of this Rulebook. The format includes structure, word limits, referencing style, and presentation requirements for each document type. Non-compliance with the prescribed format will result in the deduction of marks from the participant's or alliances overall score for the respective document.

7.6 All documents shall be submitted in Word and PDF format through the official event submission portal or via the designated email ID communicated by the Organising Committee. Handwritten or unformatted submissions shall not be accepted. The Press Release shall be

submitted as and when required during or immediately after committee proceedings, following the Press Corps schedule. The Position Paper, Manifesto and Press Release shall be submitted at 8 PM on the first day after the conclusion of the final session.

8. Dress Code and External Equipment

8.1 Dress Code

8.1.1.All participants are required to wear attire that appropriately reflects the portfolio or role allocated to them. This measure is essential to maintain the authenticity, decorum, and professional spirit of the competition. The dress code shall correspond, as closely as possible, to the official or formal dress norms of the position or member represented.

8.1.2. Participants are expected to maintain a formal and dignified appearance throughout the duration of the competition. Attire must be neat, modest, and in keeping with the standards of a formal academic or diplomatic setting.

8.1.3. The following items of clothing and accessories are strictly prohibited during the competition:

- Clothes above knee level (e.g., short skirts, shorts, etc.)
- Casual wear such as jeans, t-shirts, hoodies, or other informal clothing
- Sleeveless garments of any kind
- Flip-flops, sandals, or any open footwear
- Crop-tops, low-cut clothing, or any attire considered revealing or inappropriate

8.1.4. Any participant found violating the prescribed dress code may be barred from participation or penalised at the discretion of the Organising Committee. Participants are therefore advised to ensure full compliance with the dress requirements to uphold the integrity and decorum of the event.

8.2. External Equipment

8.2.1. Participants may bring laptops for reference or documentation purposes. However, the use of internet connectivity is prohibited subject to the discretion of the judge at all times during the competition. The allowance for laptop usage will be subject to the discretion of the judges or the Organising Committee, and may be restricted if deemed necessary for maintaining fairness and discipline.

8.2.2. It is strongly recommended that participants carry hard copies of all essential materials, including position papers, research notes, and reference documents, as electronic access may not be guaranteed or permitted during sessions.

8.2.3. The following electronic devices are strictly prohibited during the course of the competition:

- Mobile phones
- Tablets and iPads
- Smartwatches
- Any other electronic devices with internet connectivity or communication capabilities

8.2.4. The Organising Committee reserves the right to inspect any electronic device brought into the venue. Any violation of the above rules may lead to confiscation of the device, deduction of marks, or disqualification, depending on the severity of the infraction.

9. Code of Conduct, Penalties and Disqualification

9.1 Code of Conduct:

9.1.1 All participants shall uphold exemplary standards of discipline, civility, and respect throughout the competition. The atmosphere of the event must remain conducive to constructive discourse.

9.1.2 For the purpose of this competition, “misconduct” refers to any action, speech, or behaviour that disrupts proceedings, disrespects any participant, judge, volunteer, or organiser, or violates the ethical, moral, or safety norms of the competition.

9.1.3: Actions that constitute misconduct include but are not limited to:

- a. Use of racist, sexist, casteist, homophobic, transphobic, or any other discriminatory or hate- infused speech
- b. Advocacy or condoning of war crimes, genocide, or crimes against humanity
- c. Personal attacks or derogatory remarks directed at individuals or groups
- d. Intimidation, harassment, or aggressive disruptions
- e. Plagiarism or any unfair means to gain advantage
- f. Refusing to adhere to directions issued by judges or organizers

9.1.4 Participants shall be flagged for misconduct by the presiding judges if they are found to be in practice of any of these actions above mentioned in clause 9.1.3 of this rulebook. Deduction of marks may occur with each flag. If three (3) flags are issued against a participant at any stage, the participant shall be immediately disqualified from the competition.

9.2 Penalties:

9.2.1 Participants must ensure that all required documents are submitted within the stipulated deadlines. A deduction of 1 mark for every 5 minutes of delay will be applied, calculated proportionately at 0.2 marks per minute. If participants fail to submit within the additional grace period (if provided), further consequences may follow, including possible disqualification for non- submission.

9.2.2 Participants are required to ensure that all written submissions strictly follow the prescribed format circulated by the organizers. A penalty of 2 marks will be deducted for each formatting error as determined by the judges.

9.2.3 Judges hold the discretion to deduct marks for any instance of minor misconduct by participants that does not amount to disqualification. The judges' decision regarding the extent of such deductions will be final and binding.

9.2.4. All participants are hereby requested to attend both the days of the competition mandatorily failure in such action might result in consideration of non-participation.

9.2.5. It is brought to the participants notice that the ID cards which are provided during the course of the competition shall be returned to the organizing committee failure in such activity shall lead to withholding of certificates and might lead to other disciplinary actions and complications

9.3 Disqualification:

9.3.1 Participants may face disqualification under any of the following circumstances:

- a. Accumulation of three (3) misconduct flags from judges as outlined in Clause 9.1.4.
- b. Engagement in severe misconduct such as hate speech or harassment, even if it occurs for the first time.
- c. Proven instances of malpractice or plagiarism in any submission.
- d. Wilful disobedience of judges' directions that compromises fairness or the integrity of the event.
- e. Repeated violations of submission or procedural rules despite receiving warnings.
- f. Any action considered by the Organising Committee to be a serious breach of competitive ethics or decorum.

9.3.2 Once disqualified, participants shall not be permitted to continue in any official capacity in the concerned competition round, and their individual scores will be rendered void.

9.3.3. All decisions regarding penalties, evaluation of misconduct, or disqualification shall rest solely with the Organising Committee and the designated judges. Such decisions will be final and binding on all participants.

10. Miscellaneous

10.1 : ADJUDICATION AND EVALUATION

10.1.1. All decisions rendered by the Adjudication Core and the Executive Board concerning scoring, ranking, awards, and the interpretation or application of the Rules of Procedure are final and binding. No mechanism for appeal or review of such decisions shall be entertained following their official pronouncement. This provision is instituted to maintain the integrity, authority, and efficient conclusion of the competition.

10.1.2. Participant performance throughout the competition will be assessed according to three core pillars, which form the foundation of adjudication in parliamentary-style debate formats.

These principles ensure a holistic evaluation that balances content, delivery, and strategy:

Matter: Refers to the substance of the debate, encompassing the quality, logic, and relevance of arguments, the evidence presented, and the depth of analysis. It is the assessment of what is said.

Manner: Pertains to the style of delivery and the conduct of the participant. It includes rhetorical skill, clarity of expression, use of language, and the observance of parliamentary decorum. It is the assessment of how it is said.

Method: Relates to the strategic and structural aspects of a participant's contribution. This includes the organisation of speeches, time management, teamwork, and the effective use of procedural rules to advance a position. It is the assessment of the strategy employed.

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Assessment of Matter

The evaluation of Matter is determined by the quality and substance of a participant's contributions to the debate. Key metrics include:

Policy Representation: The accuracy, depth, and consistency with which a participant articulates, defends, and advances their assigned political party's official ideology and policy stances on the agendas under discussion. A superior performance requires moving beyond surface-level talking points to demonstrate a nuanced understanding of the party's historical and contemporary positions.

Argumentation and Rebuttals: The logical soundness, coherence, and originality of arguments presented. This includes the ability to construct persuasive cases and, critically, to deliver precise, effective, and well-reasoned rebuttals that directly engage with and dismantle the arguments of opposing parties.

Factual Accuracy and Evidentiary Support: The correct and relevant use of data, statistics, historical context, legal precedent, and contemporary events to substantiate claims and strengthen arguments.

Assessment of Manner

The evaluation of Manner is determined by a participant's delivery, rhetorical skill, and overall conduct. Key metrics include:

Presentation and Oratory: The clarity of speech, vocal modulation, pacing, and body language. Persuasive rhetoric, confidence, and the ability to command the attention of the committee are central to a strong performance in this category.

Parliamentary Language and Decorum: Strict adherence to the formal modes of address, respectful conduct towards the Executive Board and fellow participants, and the maintenance of a professional demeanour at all times. The use of unparliamentary language, save for specific, procedurally permitted contexts, will be viewed unfavourably.

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Assessment of Method

The evaluation of Method is determined by a participant's strategic acumen and procedural discipline. Key metrics include

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Procedural Adherence and Strategy: The correct, timely, and effective use of motions, points, and other procedural tools as outlined in the Rules of Procedure. A proficient participant not only follows the rules but leverages them strategically to control the flow of debate and highlight their policy objectives.

Time Management and Punctuality: The efficient use of allocated speaking time and strict adherence to the official event schedule. Punctuality for all committee sessions and deadlines is considered an element of professional discipline and will be factored into the overall assessment.

10.1.4. Participant performance shall be quantified based on a cumulative score derived from the evaluation metrics detailed above. The maximum total score for the competition will be formally

communicated by the Organising Committee prior to the commencement of the event. The precise distribution of marks across the various evaluation metrics remains at the sole discretion of the Adjudication Core.

10.1.5. The Debate Society, Presidency School of Law, Presidency University, Bangalore is not liable to disclose the scores of the participants at any circumstances and this shall not be questioned by the participants at any point during the course of the competition.

10. 1. 6. Participants shall also note that they will be scored in both aspects of individual scoring and also as delegation as well. Awards will be on the basis of both the aspects as mentioned in the brochure.

10.2 : PARTICIPANT OBLIGATIONS

10.2.1. To ensure the safety of all attendees and the efficient management of event logistics, it shall be mandatory for all participants and/or their institutional delegations to provide the Organising Committee with their complete logistical information. This requirement is a non- negotiable condition of participation.

Method of Submission: All information must be submitted via email to the official event address: debsocsol@gmail.com

Required Information: Submissions must include the full names of all traveling members, their confirmed dates and times of arrival in and departure from Bengaluru, their mode of transport (flight numbers, train details, etc.), and the name and address of their accommodation.

Deadline: This information must be received by the Organising Committee no later than 20 days prior to the official commencement date of the event.

10.3 : OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL

10.3.1. All official correspondence with the Organizing Committee must be directed through the channels specified in this section. The official email address, debsocsol@gmail.com, is designated as the primary channel for all written and documented communication, including the submission of required information and formal inquiries. Inquiries sent to unofficial email addresses or personal social media accounts of organizers may not receive a response.

10.3.2. To streamline communication, participants are directed to contact the designated individuals based on the nature of their inquiry.

Nature of Inquiry	Point of Contact	Designation	Contact Details
General & Logistical Inquiries (Registration, Schedule, Travel, Accommodation)	Ms. Ankhee Choudhury	Student Coordinator	+91 6364 253 299
	Ms. Lahari Kandharapu	Student Coordinator	+91 83330 41885
Competition-Specific Inquiries (Rules of Procedure, Adjudication, Portfolio Details)	Ms. Chandrika	Research Head	+91 91777 29265
	Ms. Blessy	Research Head	+91 93448 06024
All Written & Official Correspondence	The Debate Society (DEBSOC)	Organizing Committee	debsocsol@gmail.com

Annexure General Format

Each document shall be submitted in the form of word docx. And PDF document with the font Times New Roman (Text size:12, Heading size:14) and a 1-inch space from the margin of the document.

Each document shall be submitted through the Google Forms Link circulated to the participants through the informed means of communication.

Delay in submissions would lead to a penalty of 1 mark every 5 minutes which is approximately 0.2 marks per minute delay.

Each document shall be saved in the format "Name of the portfolio allocated Document Name" (For example: Hema Malini_Position Paper or "Press Corp Number_Press Release").

Failure in non-compliance of formatting shall lead to 1 mark deduction for each rule found to be not complied with by the participants.

The formal language for submission of documents shall be in English. No other language shall be entertained for evaluation of the performance of the participant.

Participants shall not reveal their name and their institutional identity in any of the documents, if done such, it shall be meted out with penalty mentioned in clause 9 of this rulebook.

It is also for the information of the participants that the plagiarism percentage of the eligibility of the documents is 10%. If participants fail to meet the given criteria, then their document shall not be considered for evaluation.

1. Format for Manifesto

A Manifesto is a formal declaration outlining an alliance's collective stance, policy objectives, and proposed course of action on the agenda under discussion. It encapsulates the alliance's vision.

strategic goals, and negotiation priorities. It shall be submitted jointly by each alliance and will serve as the foundational policy document guiding the alliance's statements, debates, and negotiations throughout the sessions. It will be referred to during committee deliberations and inter-alliance discussions. Submission Guidelines:

The manifesto shall not exceed 700 words

The manifesto shall include the following information:

What will you achieve when you are elected into power?

What will you bring to the role?

Why should people vote for you?

Participants shall ensure that the manifesto is written in clear and concise language. Unclear and difficult language is not entertained by the decision-making body.

Participants shall refrain from usage of Artificial Intelligence or indulgence of plagiarism. Indulgence in plagiarism shall be meted with the penalty described under clause 9.3 of this rulebook.

Apart from these mentioned rules, participants shall also follow the general format rules to submit their documents and rules which are mentioned under clause 7 of this rulebook as well.

2. Format for Press Release

The press release is an official statement issued to media outlets to inform about the important updates, events, changes relating to the Press Conference that happens during the course of the Competition. Participants are required to submit their press release in a structured manner as instructed in this annexure. It should be concise, factual and engaging.

Submission Guidelines:

1. The press release should not exceed 300 words.
2. Participants should not mention their personal or institutional details at any places in the press release.
3. Press release should include the following
Title / headline
Sub headline (optional)

Date

Place

Body (introduction, details, quotes, further information etc.) Contact details
(details of portfolio)

4. The press release should be written in a neutral tone, without personal opinions.
5. Ensure that all the information is accurate and verifiable. Do not fabricate the information.
6. The final document must be submitted in .docx and PDF format. No other format would be accepted.
7. The final document should be free from grammatical, spelling and other errors.
8. The use of AI tools is strictly prohibited. Any content found to be plagiarised may result in a deduction of marks.
9. Submissions must be made within the specified timeline. Late submissions may be disqualified from evaluation.

3. Format for Position Paper

The Position Paper is a formal declaration of your party's official position on a given motion for the Vox Populi All India Political Party Meet (AIPPM). Its relevance is twofold: first, it is the primary document that establishes your researched stance and makes a critical first impression on judges and fellow Delegations. Second, it serves as a unique tactical tool, allowing you to formally record crucial arguments that you were unable to voice during the fast-paced live debates.

Adherence to the official format is mandatory. The paper must be structured as follows, with a strict word limit of 300-350 words for the body.

Motion: State the official motion verbatim.

Opinion by: List your full name, assigned Political Party, and Portfolio.

The Opinion: This is the main body of your paper. Write your opinion and arguments within 300-350 words.

A unique feature of the Vox Populi Position Paper is the ability to include points you couldn't make during live sessions. This transforms the paper from a static document into a dynamic tool. Use this rule to:

Correct the Record

Complete an Argument

Reinforce an Ally

Leveraging this clause effectively is a sign of advanced strategic awareness and can significantly enhance your score.

It ensures your best points are officially recorded, regardless of what happens in the live debate. In case any queries, kindly do mail us at:

debsocsol@gmail.com

