

6th NATIONAL SCIENCE BEE



I DEBATE SCIENCE

MODULE GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION:

I-Debates Science is a fusion of both parliamentary debates and sciences. The debates aim to inspire thoughtful dialogue regarding significant science related issues.

Module conduction:

Day 1 - Round 1: Teams will compete on the basis of a draw.

Day 2 - Round 2: Power ranking will be introduced. This means the top two teams will compete against each other, the 3rd and 4th against each other and so on.

Day 3 - Round 3: The top 10 teams based on the cumulative score of the first two rounds will qualify for the final round. Competition will be on the basis of a draw.

RULES:

- Two teams compete in one debate with each team consisting of 3 speakers.
- Teams may have 0 to 2 resource members who do not speak in matches but help during preparation.
- All rounds will be impromptu rounds.
- Both teams will receive the topic at the same time and will be given fifteen minutes for preparation before the debate.
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The debates will be bilingual (English and Urdu). However, speaker points may be deducted for the use of languages other than these two.

- Cross talking with resource members, opposing team members and adjudicators is not allowed during a debate. The only way to talk to the opposing team is via Points of Information. (Explained later).

- Each speaker will have only three minutes for debate and five minutes will be provided extra for conclusion at the end which any each of three members will conclude.

- There will be no reply speeches

POIs

- Teams may raise points of information during a speech of the opposing team by stating “On that point sir/madam.”

- The speaker has the discretion of accepting or rejecting the POI. If the POI is rejected the person who raised the POI should sit down and wait for at least 20 seconds before raising it again.

- If the POI is accepted, a question may be asked regarding the topic at hand.

- It is advised to accept no more than 2 POIs per speech.

- The first and the last minute of every speech are protected minutes, meaning no POIs can be raised in those minutes.

- If a team raise 2 POIs and both are rejected then negative one is deducted from each member's points in respective team.