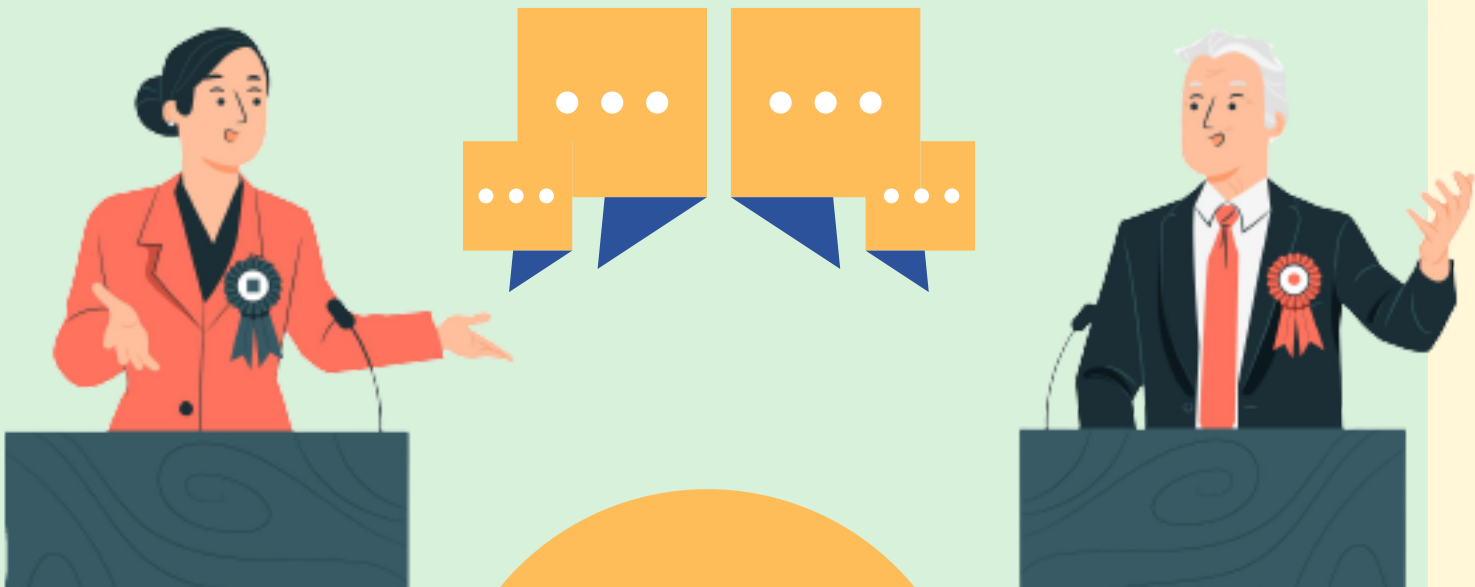


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# SPCE ANNUAL DEBATE

23rd & 24th October, 2021

**The Sardar Patel College of Engineering Annual Debate (SPCEAD)** is a distinguished debate competition, hosted by Sardar Patel College of Engineering, Andheri (W), Mumbai.

In its 9th iteration, the SPCEAD acts as an academic rostrum for GenZ to eloquently convey its thoughts and views on the issues of today. It is a competitive platform for avid debaters to employ their convincing skills.

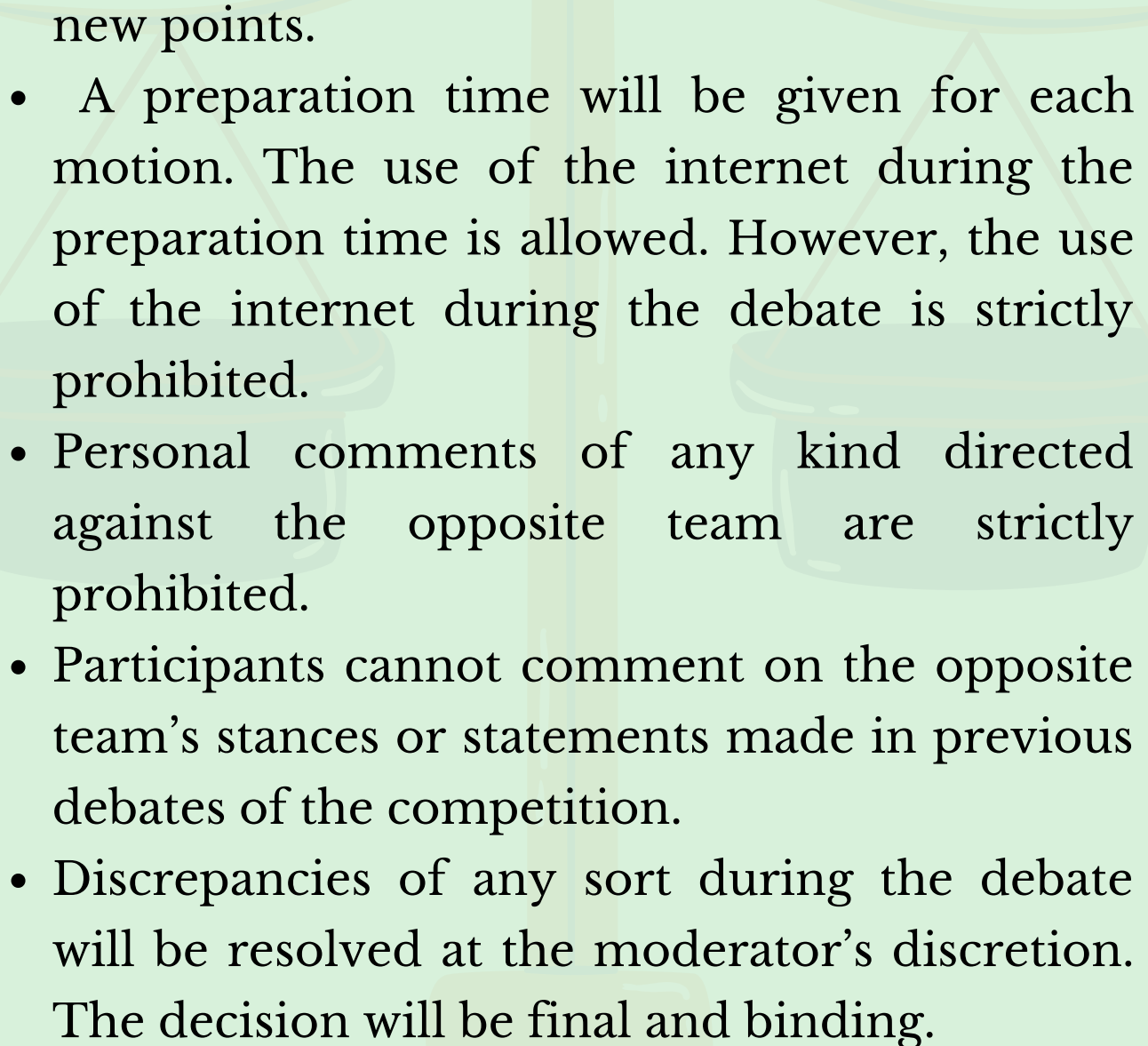
The SPCEAD is a two-day event organized by the **Literary Arts Committee** of SPCE.

The debate will be held this year on the **23rd & 24th October 2021** and we look forward to hosting you for the same.

This year all the rounds will be held on an online platform.

# GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE DEBATE

- Debate competition will be held online via Google Meet.
- Meet Links for the same will be shared with the participants prior to the scheduled time, all are expected to join on time and advised to ensure a stable internet connection.
- Ensuring proper working of microphone and webcam is participants' responsibility and they are advised to keep their cameras on during the entire course of the debate
- The debate will follow Oxford Style format
- The first speaker of the team makes the opening speech while the second makes the closing speech.
- The proposition starts the debate, while the opposition raises the first point in the refutation round. The refutation round will follow the question-answer statement format.
- At the end of the refutation round each team is expected to give a 'Concluding Statement'. It is a short, concise, and precise statement that sums up a team's argument.

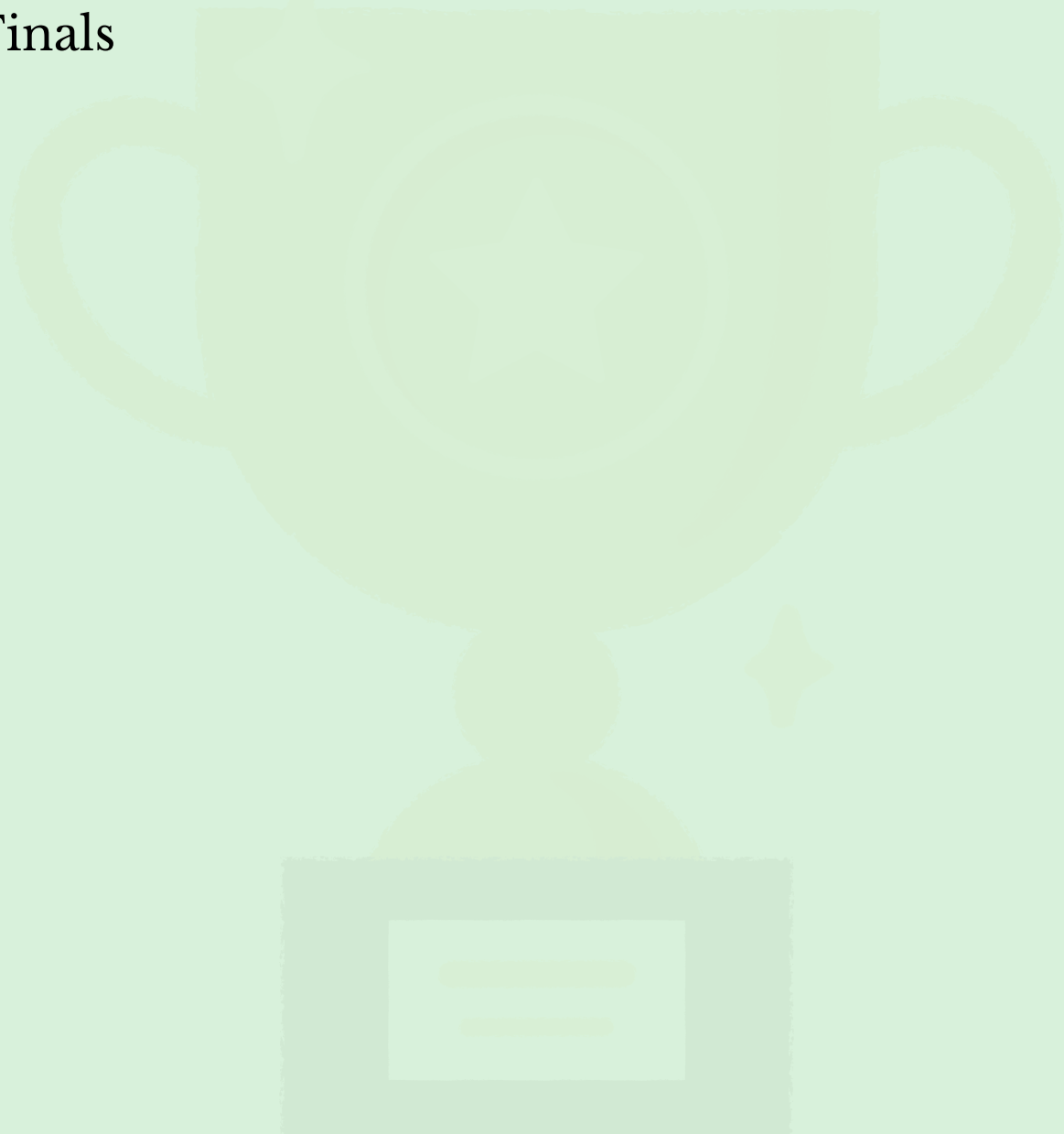
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- There will be negative marking for exceeding the time limit.
  - Negative marking for interrupting other team's course of speech.
  - No new points may be introduced in the closing speech. If a certain team does bring up a new point, the opposition may request the moderator an opportunity to point out the new points.
  - A preparation time will be given for each motion. The use of the internet during the preparation time is allowed. However, the use of the internet during the debate is strictly prohibited.
  - Personal comments of any kind directed against the opposite team are strictly prohibited.
  - Participants cannot comment on the opposite team's stances or statements made in previous debates of the competition.
  - Discrepancies of any sort during the debate will be resolved at the moderator's discretion. The decision will be final and binding.

# STRUCTURE OF THE ROUNDS

The rounds of the debate will be composed of formal debating with the following format specifics.

The debate will consist of:

- 1) Two Preliminary-League rounds
- 2) Quarterfinals Knockout (Top 8)
- 3) Semifinals (Top 4)
- 4) Finals



# TIME STIPULATIONS

## **Preliminary rounds:**

Opening proposition speaker: 3 minutes

Opening opposition speaker: 3 minutes

Refutation Round: 8 minutes

Concluding opposition speaker: 3 minutes

Concluding proposition speaker: 3 minutes

## **Quarter-Finals:**

Opening proposition speaker: 3 minutes

Opening opposition speaker: 3 minutes

Refutation Round: 8 minutes

Concluding opposition speaker: 3 minutes

Concluding proposition speaker: 3 minutes

## **Semi Finals:**

Opening proposition speaker: 4 minutes

Opening opposition speaker: 4 minutes

Refutation Round: 10 minutes

Concluding opposition speaker: 4 minutes

Concluding proposition speaker: 4 minutes

## **Finals:**

Opening proposition speaker: 5 minutes

Opening opposition speaker: 5 minutes

Refutation Round: 12 minutes

Concluding opposition speaker: 5 minutes

Concluding proposition speaker: 5 minutes

# WARNING STIPULATIONS

- Warning bell before 30 seconds of the time of Opening Statement round
- Two bells after time completed for Opening Statement.
- During the refutation round, a warning bell will be given before 1 minute of the time of Refutation Round.
- Two bells after completion of Refutation Round.
- Warning bell before 30 seconds of the time of Closing Statement round
- Two bells after time completed for Closing Statement.
- For each round, there will be a buffer of 15 seconds, contestants are expected to not exceed this time limit.

Note: Times vary according to the Preliminary round, Quarter Final, Semi-Final and finals

# SCORING FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND

Participants will be judged on the following criteria:  
(Marks will be allotted per speaker)

- 1) Diction and vocal delivery [5]
- 2) Organization of thoughts and content [10]
- 3) Logical illustration and in-depth analysis [10]
- 4) Engagement with the opposite team [10]
- 5) Quality of arguments [15]

On each of the above criteria, the scores differ. Thus, the maximum possible score for a team per debate shall be 100 (i.e. including both speaker scores), and for the entire day, shall be 200. Every team shall participate in a total of two debates on the first day. The team that has the higher score in each bout, wins that bout.

For qualification into the Quarterfinals, the teams will be arranged in a descending order concerning the points they have earned. In case two or more teams have the same number of points, they will be arranged in a descending order concerning their scores.



## SCORING FOR PRELIMINARY ROUND

If the points, as well as the scores of the two teams, are the same, they will be ranked in a descending order concerning their scores in the 'Quality of Arguments' Category.

If that score is the same as well, the same procedure will be followed in the order - Engagement with the opposite team

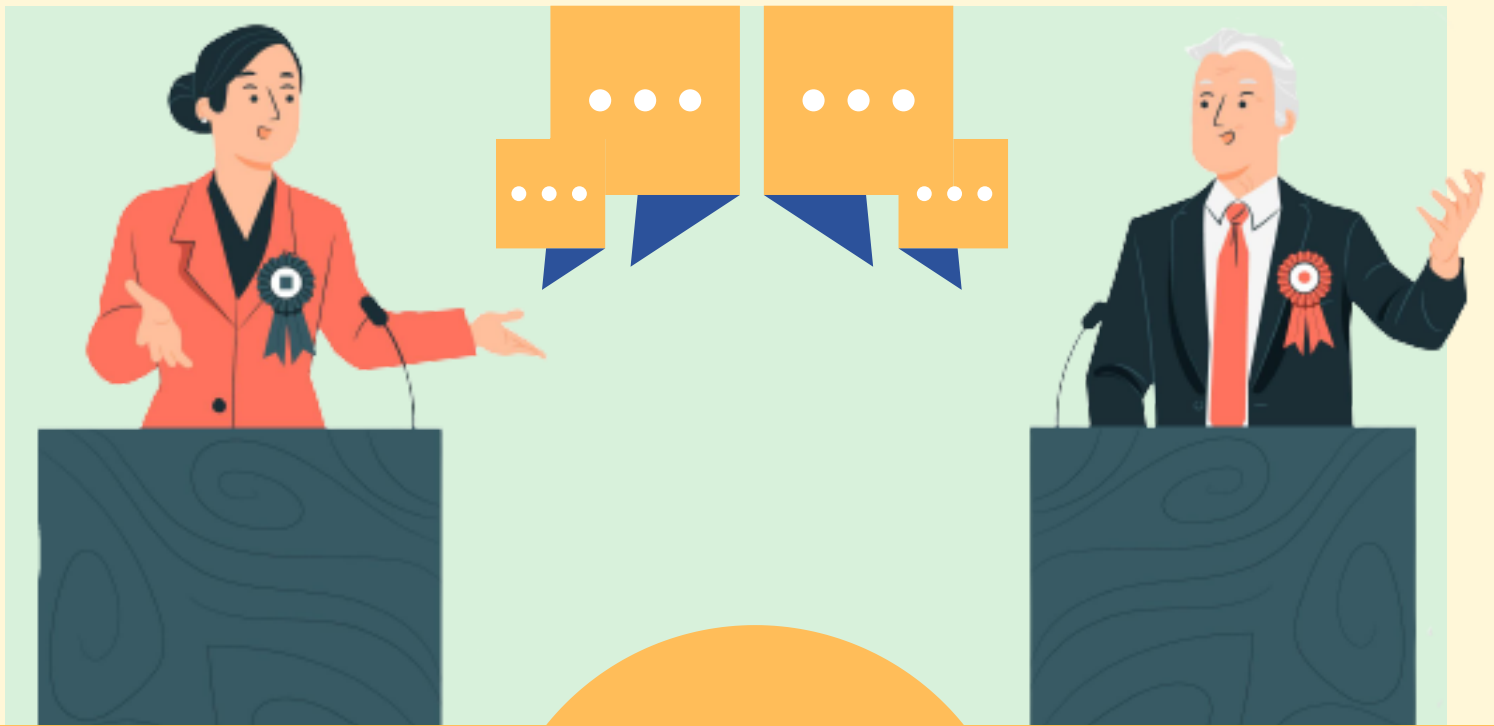
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Organization of thought and content, and

Diction

If the scores still tie, the order will be decided at the adjudicators' discretion. The top 8 teams from this list, from highest points to the lowest, shall qualify for the Quarterfinals of the Sardar Patel College of Engineering Annual Debate - 2021.

The second day will include the Quarterfinals, Semi-Finals, and Finals.



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