



AUKTAVE

TECH DEBATE

RULEBOOK



THINK. DEBATE. INNOVATE.

ELIGIBILITY AND REGISTRATION

- The competition is open to students from all recognized colleges/universities.
- Participants must register via the official portal.
- Required documents:
 1. Photocopy of a valid Government ID
 2. Photocopy of a valid College/University ID
- Upon successful registration, participants will receive an Enrollment Letter, which must be presented as a hard copy at the entry gate.
- No registration fee is required.

REPORTING AND ENTRY

- All participants must report at least 30 minutes prior to the event start time.
- Late arrivals will not be permitted entry under any circumstances.
- Each participant will be assigned a Point of Contact (POC) who will assist them upon arrival.

COMPETITION FORMAT

- The debate will follow a knockout (elimination) format.
- Each round will be a one-on-one debate between two participants.
- Winners from each round advance to the next stage.
- This continues until a final winner is determined.

DEBATE STRUCTURES

- Topic Announcement & Prep Time: 2 minutes
- Opening Statement: 2 minutes per participant
- Rebuttal Round: 2 minutes per participant
- Cross-Questioning: 2 minutes (participants question each other)
- Closing Statement: 1 minute per participant

TOPICS

- Topics will be technology-focused (e.g., AI ethics, cybersecurity, emerging tech, etc.).
- Motions will be revealed on the spot to ensure fairness.
- Sides (For/Against) will be assigned randomly.

JUDGING CRITERIA

- Content & Knowledge – 30%
- Clarity & Structure of Arguments – 20%
- Rebuttal Strength – 20%
- Confidence & Delivery – 15%
- Critical Thinking & Responsiveness – 15%
- Judges' decisions will be final and binding.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Participants must maintain professional and respectful behavior at all times.
- Use of offensive language, personal attacks, or discrimination will lead to immediate disqualification.
- Arguments must remain topic-focused and evidence-based.

USE OF AIDS

- No electronic devices (phones, smartwatches, etc.) are allowed during the debate.
- Participants may use pen and paper for quick notes during prep time.

TIMEKEEPING

- Strict adherence to time limits is mandatory.
- Participants will be warned 30 seconds before their time ends.
- Exceeding time may result in penalties.

PRIZE POOL

Winners will receive prizes including hoodies, swag kits, and certificates of achievement.

EVENT DISTRIBUTION AND FLOW

- Total event duration: 2 hours.
- Rounds will be conducted in quick succession.
- Participants must remain available throughout until elimination.

TIE - BREAKER RULE

- In case of a tie, a rapid-fire question round (1 minute per participant) will be conducted.
- Judges will decide the winner based on this round.

DISQUALIFICATION CONDITIONS

Participants may be disqualified for:

- Late reporting
- Failure to produce required documents
- Violation of code of conduct
- Use of unfair means or external assistance