



IEM PUBLIC SCHOOL

NOTICE

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Subject: Colosseum – The Young Debater's Championship 2026

**Dear Parents (VI to XII),
Greetings from IEM Public School!**

We are pleased to inform you that students of **Classes VI to XII** have the opportunity to participate in **Colosseum – The Young Debater's Championship 2026**, an **online Debate and Public Speaking Competition** jointly organized by the **English Debating Society of Hindu College, University of Delhi**, and the **League of Young Speakers**.

The event will be held on **8 & 9 August 2026 online**. Interested students may participate in the **Debate Championship**, the **Public Speaking Championship**, or both.

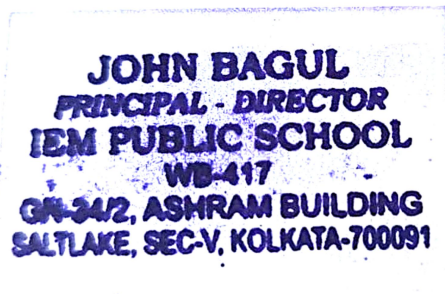
The **participation fee is ₹1,500**. Parents who wish to enroll their ward are requested to submit the registration fee to **Ms. Romi Choudhury, Class Teacher of VII-B**, on **27.07.2026, Monday**.

Kindly refer to the attached brochure for details regarding eligibility, competition format, registration, and other important guidelines.

Thank you.

Mr. John Bagul

Principal-Director
IEM Public School, Salt Lake



CC to-

- HR Head
- Head Master
- Head Mistress
- School Coordinator
- Facility Manager
- Accounts Department
- Admission Head
- Reception
- Canteen
- Security



English Debating Society of Hindu College
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League of Young Speakers
Presents

Colosseum

The Young Debater's Championship

Online Debate and Public Speaking event
Grade VI - XII | 8th - 9th August 2026



Welcome to our online debate event, Colosseum: Young Debaters Championship! The competition is designed to develop critical thinking, public speaking, and persuasive skills among school students across India.

a TWO COMPETITIONS

Competition 1:
2v2 Debate Championship
(Modified WSDC)

Competition 2:
Public Speaking
Championship

*Students may participate in one or both competitions.

b ELIGIBILITY & CATEGORIES

Open to school students from Grade 6 to Grade 12.

- Junior Division:
Grades 6-8
- Senior Division:
Grades 9-12

Early bird fee:
INR 1,200
(till 15 July 2026)

Fee:
INR 1,500



More Than Just A Tournament!

At Colosseum, participants don't simply compete – they learn from every round.

Every Participant Receives :

- Live pre-tournament training session 😊
- Free matter workshop for top performers post tournament 📚
- Comprehensive reading material for prepared motions 📖
- Detailed feedback from top debaters and adjudicators
- Participation Certificate 📄
- Appreciation Certificates for winners and top performers 🏆
- Opportunity to interact with students from across India ✍️

COMPETITION 1: 2v2 Debate Championship (Modified WSDC)

Format Overview

- This is a modified version of the World Schools Debating Championship format.
- The tournament will consist of three preliminary rounds. 1 prepared round and 2 impromptu
- Every team shall comprise two speakers.
- Preparation time of 20 mins for impromptu rounds with 4 minutes speeches per speaker
- Each debate shall be contested between two teams:
- Government, speaking in favour of the motion.
- Opposition, speaking against the motion.
- Following the preliminary rounds, the top teams (no. to be confirmed based on registrations) shall qualify for the knockout rounds.
- The knockout rounds shall follow a single-elimination format, where the winning team advances to the next round.

• Note: There are NO reply speeches in this modified format.



Roles of Speakers

- 1st Proposition: Defines the motion, sets the framework, presents the team's main arguments.
- 1st Opposition: Responds to the definition, rebuts opening arguments, presents opposition's case.
- 2nd Proposition: Rebuts opposition, reinforces and extends the government's case.
- 2nd Opposition: Rebuts government, summarises and strengthens the opposition's case.

Sample Motions

- This House Supports the use of AI chatbots for companionship functions (such as acting as friends or daily conversational partners)
- This House believes that developing countries should not host any international sporting event like Olympics, FI
- This House would make voting compulsory in India.
- This house believes that the global reliance on the US Dollar will significantly decline by 2050

Points of Information (POIs)

- Speakers may offer Points of Information during the opponent's speech.
- POIs may be offered after the first minute and before the last minute of a speech.
- The speaker holding the floor may accept or decline a POI.
- A POI should be brief (max 15 seconds).

COMPETITION 2 : Public Speaking Championship

Public Speaking Championship is a persuasive or informative speech written and delivered by the participant. It is an individual event.

Rules

- The speech should be delivered individually. No external assistance may be used during the speech.
- Time limit: 3 minutes
- 3 rounds (2 prepared rounds and 1 impromptu) and 1 finale.
- Memorisation is encouraged; minimal notes may be permitted

Criteria used to evaluate:

- **Matter:** Quality, relevance, depth and originality of content.
- **Method:** Organisation, structure, logical progression, clarity of arguments and effective time management.
- **Manner:** Delivery, including confidence, body language, eye contact, voice modulation and overall presentation.
- Participants are required to keep their cameras switched on throughout their speech to enable adjudicators to assess Manner effectively.



GENERAL RULES OF CONDUCT

- Participants must join the online session 10 minutes early.
- Cameras must remain ON during the entire event.
- No external help during speeches or debates..
- No usage of internet or AI for impromptu rounds
- The decision of the adjudication panel shall be final.

HOUSE
RULES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Can I participate in both competitions?

A: Yes, you can

Q: What if my internet disconnects during my speech?

A: Inform the organisers immediately. A fair re-attempt may be granted at the judges' discretion.

Q: Will topics be given in advance?

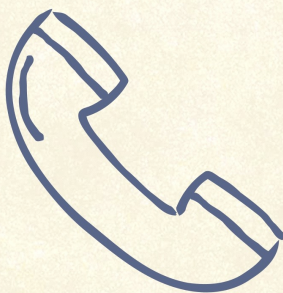
A: Prepared motions will be shared in advance; impromptu motions will be given on the day.





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