

7th Thailand World Schools Debating Championship
February 10th – 12th 2018 at Panyarat High School

Participation Details

1. Each School may send (up to)* 6 teams to compete at the Championship.
2. A member of a team must
 - a. Be enrolled as a full time student at the secondary educational institution, or
 - b. Have been a full time student within six months of the start of the Championship and not have begun tertiary education, or:
 - c. Be at least 10 years of age and not reached their 20th birthday by the start date of the championships.
3. All nationalities are welcomed.
4. The selection and composition of a team is the matter for the school to decide.
5. A team must have a minimum of 3 and may have a maximum of 5 student debate members.
6. Every team must provide an adult aged 18 years of age or older to be available to judge debating rounds for the entirety of the championship.
7. Every team must be accompanied by an official representative of the school aged 20 years of age or older who will be responsible for ensuring their students follow the guidelines of their school and our code of conduct.

Tournament Details

1. There will be a tournament team cap of 64 Teams.
2. In the event of an odd number of teams, the host shall prepare “swing” teams to ensure an even number of teams for debate,
 - a. Swing teams may be comprised of individuals from any institution
 - b. Swing teams will not be eligible for the championship series.
2. There will be 2 series of debating; a preliminary series and a championship “breaking” series.
3. There will be 5 rounds of preliminary debating,
 - a. The first round Teams will be randomly matched
 - b. Subsequent rounds Teams will be power matched according to a “Swiss System”
 - c. Tabulation software will be employed to determine this.
4. After 5 rounds of preliminary debating the top 8 ranking teams according to (in this order):
 - a. Win-loss
 - b. Speaker points
 - c. Margin of victory
 - d. If still tied the Adjudication Core shall determine an appropriate resolution,will proceed to the breaking rounds and debate in the Quarter-Finals, with the winners debating in a Semi-Finals, and those winners will debate in the Grand Final.

Adjudication Details

1. Every team must bring 1 adjudicator to judge, who
 - a. May be the official representative of the school, teacher, alumnus, and
 - b. Must be available to adjudicate every round of all 3 days, and
 - c. Must complete the online or workshop adjudication test before the start of the Championship, and
 - d. Teams without an adjudicator in compliance will not be eligible for the championship series.
2. Adjudicators may not judge a team from their own school, a former school of enrollment or employment, these and other possible conflicts of interest must be declared to the Chief Adjudicator before the start of the Championship.
3. All adjudicators will be assessed by the Adjudication Core and ranked according to their test and cumulative feedback during the championship.
4. An open call for independent adjudicators who must also take the online or workshop test will be issued and 10 will be chosen to adjudicate in the championship.
5. The top ranking adjudicators will also compete to be eligible to adjudicate in the breaking rounds, according to
 - a. Their test score and feedback score, and
 - b. All adjudicators must adjudicate at least 4 of the 5 preliminary rounds, and
 - c. Any adjudicator not available to adjudicate in the breaking rounds will cause their team to be disqualified from the breaking rounds.

Debate Format Details

1. World Schools Debating Championship Style will be employed for the debating and adjudicating of this tournament. See WSDC Format of Debating.
2. Motions will be announced 1 month before the start of the Championship,
 - a. 3 preliminary and the Grand Final motion will be released at that time, and
 - b. the remaining rounds will be impromptu motions.
3. In rounds with prepared motions, teams will be given 30 minutes to prepare; in rounds with impromptu motions, teams will be given 1 hour to prepare.
4. Before each round teams will be "matched" and assigned to debate the "Proposition" or the "Opposition" by the "Swiss System" in a computer tabulation program according to their current standings.
5. All student debate team members may prepare together, and any 3 members can debate. Once the round starts the remaining members are not allowed to assist their teammates any longer.
6. No electronic devices except for single purpose dictionaries are allowed, and all printed materials may be used during a debate but only hand written notes may be used at the podium while speaking.

Registration Details

1. Every school must read, sign, and adhere to the rules and regulations in the Thailand National Debate Constitution in order to compete.
2. Every participant, student, adjudicator, school representative, or observer must sign the Code of Conduct in order to attend and compete.
3. Registration forms, payment, and Bank transfer payment receipt must be given to the host's organization committee before the registration deadline and be acknowledged in order for the registration process to be valid and complete.
4. Should a team withdraw for any reason or becomes ineligible to compete according to the Constitution; a refund will not be made.