



# World Junior Schools Challenges

## WORLD JUNIOR SCHOOLS DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP

### Scoring, Rules and Regulations

#### Judging Criteria and Scoring

##### **Criteria**

Each speaker will be scored using the following criteria:

##### Matter: (40 points)

The substance of argument, including but not limited to the following elements:

- Logical and layered reasoning
- Elaboration with appropriate proofs
- Rebuttals
- Defense of case arguments

##### Manner: (40 points)

Delivery and use of good public speaking practices, including but not limited to:

- Eye contact
- Fluency
- Voice / Pitchvariation
- Volume
- Clarity
- Gestures

##### Method: (20 points)

Structure of speeches, including but not limited to:

- Spoken organization
- Appropriate case split between First and Second Speakers
- Consistency of case development and rebuild across the team
- Adherence to time limits (including grace time)
- Respect for adjudicators and debaters from the other team



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## Scoring

- Each round will be scored by at least one adjudicator.
- The judge(s) will give a score of each debater ranging from 70 to 80 for reasonably debated games.
- Total team format total team scores should fall between 210 and 240.
- An average speaker should have a total score of 75 with 30 for matter, 30 for manner, and 15 for method.
- Both matter and manner should be given same level of importance.
- Only when there is a tie on overall scores, matter has higher priority in determining the winning team.
- Winning team must have a higher total team score.
- 1 method point is deducted for going over the grace period.



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## **Rules & Regulations**

1. For any rules and regulations not covered here, the World Schools Debating Championship rules and regulations will apply.
2. The decision of the adjudicators in all matches of the Tournament shall be final.
3. No communication between the coach/teacher and debaters is allowed during any matches of the Tournament.
4. Members of the audience must not communicate with debaters during the debate.
5. No props of any kind can be used. This includes the use of mobile phones, computers, tablets or similar devices, for any purpose during the debate, whether connected to the internet or not.
6. For each division, each speaker can use allotted time with 15 seconds extra grace period to deliver a speech.
7. Speech delivered after the grace period must not be considered for adjudication.
8. Debaters are not allowed to use any timing device. Timing info must not be visible to the debaters during speech delivery.
9. All participants such as debaters, coaches, audience and staff must respect everyone during the event. Any form of disrespectful conduct or harassment will result in disqualification of teams or expel from the event.
10. The tournament organizer reserves the right to disqualify teams for not complying with the Rules & Regulations.
11. The tournament organizer reserves the right to use any photographs, videos, recordings, or any other records of the competition for promotion of the competition.