

Guidelines of All India Debate Competition

The All India Debate Competition (earlier known as All India Elocution Competition) shall be organised every year.

The allotment of All India Debate Competition to the Regional Council shall be done in the President's Meeting with Chairmen of Regional Councils or in the TEFC Meeting at the beginning of the calendar year.

The Regional Council / Chapter which is authorized to host the National Final Round of the competition for a particular year, will be required to make announcement well in advance regarding date, venue & place of national final round. They will also decide and announce the "topic" for the debate competition. Announcement in this regard is to be published in student company secretary and Institute's website. Intimation in this regard is also required to be sent to all Regional Councils / Chapters for informing the students at large

Eligibility Criteria

Participation is restricted to the bonafide – registered students of the ICSI, including students who have passed the Professional Programme examinations, but are yet to enrol for CLDP. Students will be required to carry their Identity Cards of ICSI with them at the competition.

Practicing Advocates, Chartered Accountants, Cost Accountants are not eligible to participate.

Pattern of the Competition

The Debate Competition will be organised at three levels.

- Chapter Level Round
- Regional Level Round
- National Round

Regional Council/ Chapter which is hosting National round may organise the national round of All India Debate Competition in its home city or at any city under its jurisdiction.

Students have the option to speak either "for the motion" or "against the motion". An eminent jury comprising of three senior professionals/ academicians shall be constituted to adjudge top three speakers. Separate jury should be constituted for each Level of competition.

1. All Chapters & Regional councils will make announcement for date of their respective Chapter level round & Regional level round well in advance. In any case the all four regional level rounds should be concluded well before the date of National Level Round.
2. The Chapters are required to conduct the preliminary rounds at their end. For the convenience of the students they must announce the dates of the preliminary rounds well in advance.

3. The Winner (one student) and the runner up (one student) of the preliminary round at Chapter level would qualify to represent the respective chapter at the Regional Level Round to be held at their respective Regional Council Office.
4. After the preliminary rounds, the Chapters should forward the details of the winner & runner-up (viz. Names, Student Registration Number, passport size photographs along with the marks) to their respective Regional Council Office.
5. The Regional Council Office will conduct the Regional Round of the competition. The Regional Councils are required to announce the dates of the Regional Round well in advance.
6. First, Second and Third Prize Winners of the Regional Round held at each Regional Council will participate in the National Round of the competition. After the Regional Round of the competition is over, each Regional Council will forward the details of the winner & runners-up (viz. Names, Student Registration Number, passport size photographs along with the marks) to the concerned Regional Council / or Chapter who is hosting the National Round of the competition.
7. First, Second and Third Prize Holders out of all the 12 participants in the national round shall be the national winners who shall be given the Cash Awards and Commendation Certificates.
8. The discretion lies with the respective Regional Council / Chapter with regard to the Place, Venue, Date & Timings etc. for holding Chapter level Round / Regional Level Round / National Level Round respectively.
9. The Dress Code will be formal.

Marking Criteria

Marks may be awarded as per the following criteria out of the marks allocated against each category.

Sl. No.	Marking Criteria	Number of Marks
1	Contents / substance	25
2	Oratory skills	25
3	Presentation skills	20
4	Clarity of thought	20
5	Confidence	10

The average of the marks awarded by all judges should be calculated. The average marks thus calculated shall be the final score for a particular Candidate on the basis of which who so ever has scored the highest will be declared winner, second & third highest scorers will be declared as first and second runner-up of the event.

Time Limit

Each participant will be given a time limit not exceeding 10 minutes to speak on the subject.

A warning bell will be given after 8 minutes and a final bell after 10 minutes. If the participants exceed the allocated time than the marks will be deducted at the discretion of the judges.

Cash Awards

To attract larger participation, it was decided to introduce cash awards as per the following details:

	First Prize	Second Prize	Third Prize
Chapter Level	Commendation Certificate	Commendation Certificate	Commendation Certificate
Regional Level	Cash Award of Rs.10,000/- + Commendation Certificate	Cash Award of Rs.6,000/- + Commendation Certificate	Cash Award of Rs.4,000/- + Commendation Certificate
National Level	Cash Award of Rs.20,000/- + Commendation Certificate	Cash Award of Rs.12,000/- + Commendation Certificate	Cash Award of Rs.8,000/- + Commendation Certificate

Financial Assistance for conducting Chapter / Regional Rounds

The competition has to be organized at the Chapter and Regional Level on self-sufficient basis. The ICSI HQ shall only be providing financial support for Cash Awards for Regional level round and all other organisational expenses are to be borne by the respective Regional Council/ Chapter.

Financial Assistance for conducting National Round

After the national round is complete, the host Regional council / Chapter will be required to submit its claim to Institute's HQ along with all accounts of the event with proper justification of expenditure incurred. Considering the same, Institute's HQ may release the financial support to the host Regional Council / Chapter for conducting national round as per the following:

“Actual amount of deficit on organizational expenses subject to a maximum of Rs.50,000/- for national level event. In addition to that, ICSI HQ shall provide full amount of Cash Awards for National Round.”

Reimbursement of Travelling Expenses

Travelling expenses of team of students for participating at various levels of Competitions will be borne by the respective Regional Councils / Chapters as per provisions given below:

- a. When Chapter's team is visiting their respective Regional Council to participate in the Regional Round, their travelling expenses will be borne by the concerned Chapter (i.e. to &

from bus fare or train fare of 3rd AC from the place of residence of student to the destination of Regional Round).

- b. Similarly, when winners of Regional Round are going to participate in the National Round then travelling expenses of students will be borne by the concerned Regional Council. (i.e. to & from bus fare or train fare of 3rd AC from the place of residence of student to the destination of National Round).

General Guidelines

1. Only organizational expenses are to be included when preparing accounts of the event. It is clarified that travelling expenses of teams of students will not be included in accounts of event.
2. The host Regional Councils/ Chapters are required make all-out efforts to arrange sponsorships from corporates, business establishments and individuals for funding the organizational arrangements for the competition.
3. The host Regional Council/ Chapter shall invite the followings to grace the occasion :
 - i) Central Council Members and Regional Council Members belonging to the host city.
 - ii) Regional Council Members (if hosted by Regional Council)
 - iii) Managing Committee Members (if hosted by Chapter)
4. Eminent persons be invited as Chief Guest for the competition. Maximum publicity be generated through print, electronic and social media.
5. The host Regional Council/ Chapter of national round shall be required to submit the following after successful conclusion of the final round of the competition :
 - i) Detailed Report alongwith photographs
 - ii) Income & Expenditure Account (with all supporting documents)

Miscellaneous

1. The decision of the judges as regards the result of the competition will be the final and binding;
2. All participants are expected to maintain decorum in the hall where the event will be held;
3. The organizers reserve the right to take appropriate action for any unethical, unprofessional and immoral conduct;
4. The organizer's decision regarding interpretation of rules or any other matter related to competition will be final;
5. If there is any situation not contemplated in the rules, the decision of the Institute shall be final.

Removal of Difficulty

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of these guidelines, Secretary of the Institute may make such provisions or give such directions as appear to be necessary for removal of the difficulty.

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