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# 1<sup>ST</sup> ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

at GD Goenka University, Sohna, Gurugram  
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# **ASIAN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE 2025**

## **RULES FOR ADJUDICATORS**

### **MARKING THE DEBATE**

Each adjudicator will complete their adjudication forms at the end of every debate.

**There are no draws in competitive debating.**

Teams failing to turn up for the debate on time will lose the debate by the widest possible margin. The other team will then face off against a stand-by swing team [non-competitive for the purposes of the competition] constituted by the host University. Failure to turn up for two rounds in the preliminary phase will result in automatic disqualification from the tournament.

An “average” speech shall be awarded.

Matter: 30/40

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Method: 15/20

Total: 75/100

A speaker may not under any circumstances be awarded less than 28/40 in Matter and Manner, and less than 13/20 in Method. Therefore, the worst speech in the history of debating would still get 69/100

A speaker may not under any circumstances be awarded more than 32/40 in Matter and Manner, and more than 17/20 in Method. Therefore, the best speech in the history of the world would get no more than 81/100.

### **Criteria Range**

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Method (13-17)/20

**Total (69-81)/100**

For reply speeches, marks shall be awarded to speakers based on the following. An

“average” reply speech shall be awarded

Manner: 15/20

Effectiveness: 22/30

Total: 37/50

A speaker may not under any circumstances be awarded less than 14/20 in Manner, and less than 20/30 in Effectiveness. Therefore, the worst reply speech in debating history would still get 34/50.

A speaker may not under any circumstances be awarded more than 17/20 in Manner and more than 25/30 in Effectiveness. Therefore, the best reply speech in the history of debating would get no more than 42/50.

### **Criteria Range**

Effectiveness (20-25)/30

Manner (14-17)/20

**Total (34-42)/50**

Adjudicators will determine, at the conclusion of a debate, whether the overall margin of win/loss separating the teams was (independently of speaker scores) close, precise, or a thrashing margin on a scale of 1 to 12.

Close win = 1 to 4 points.

Clear win = 4 to 8 points.

Thrashing = 8 to 12 points.

### **FOR ADJUDICATION**

I. The debate should be adjudicated by a panel of at least two adjudicators, one of whom will be the chair. panel of two adjudicators shall adjudicate the debate.

II. The Chair shall be decided on the basis of the Adjudicators' test, the top scorers shall be made the Chair for the first round, and they have to facilitate the debate/session. For subsequent rounds, the chair shall be decided based on the average. score given by the teams. It is worth noting that the score of the adjudicator's

test will continue to be added along with the score of each round and the adjudicator with the highest average. shall be made the chair in the subsequent rounds.

III. The adjudicators may confer and discuss the debate and their feedback (in no event for more than 20 minutes) before announcing the results to the teams. In all of these rounds (except for the finals), there will be an open adjudication after the decision for each debate is announced, where adjudicators will give reasons for their decision and other feedback to the teams. However, the adjudication sheets will not be shown to debaters or other participants.

IV. All the debaters must leave the chambers following the completion of all speeches. Debaters should not indulge in, and adjudicators should not entertain, argumentation or cross-questioning at the time of the open adjudication.

V. At the conclusion of the debate, the adjudicators should confer and rank the teams.

### **ASSESSING MANNER**

I. Adjudicators should assess the elements of manner together in order to determine the overall effectiveness of the member's presentation. Adjudicators should assess whether the member's presentation is assisted or diminished by their manner.

II. Adjudicators should be aware that at a World Championship, there are many styles which are appropriate, and that they should not discriminate against a member simply because the manner would be deemed 'inappropriate Parliamentary debating' in their own country.

III. Adjudicators should not allow bias to influence their assessment. Members should not be discriminated against on the basis of religion, sex, race, colour, nationality, language, sexual preference, age, social status, or disability.

### **THE ADJUDICATION**

I. All the rounds will be knockouts.

II. The adjudicators will announce the decision of the debate at the debate venue.

III. The decision of the judges will be final and cannot be challenged.

IV. Marks will not be disclosed.

### **VERBAL ADJUDICATION**

I. The members may approach an adjudicator for further clarification following the adjudication; these inquiries must at all times be polite and non-confrontational.

- i. Identify the order in which the teams were ranked.
- ii. Explain the reasons for the rankings of the team, ensuring that each team is referred to in this explanation; and
- iii. Provide constructive comments to individual members where the adjudication panel believes this is necessary.

II. The verbal adjudication should not exceed 10 minutes.

III. The members must not harass the adjudicators following the verbal adjudication. The members may approach an adjudicator for further clarification following the verbal adjudication; these inquiries must at all times be polite and non-confrontational.