



Beginner

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What is Verbattle?

Verbattle is the largest, most exciting and unique debate and dialogue platform. Its fundamental purpose is to facilitate thought and opinion exchange in addition to its primary goal of promoting democratic values in the society. Verbattle as a recognized debate competition is well known nationally and internationally.

What is the history of Verbattle?

Verbattle, established in 2005, began with a state-level competition in Karnataka. Till date Verbattle has conducted over 100 large scale debate competitions across India and Europe. It has today grown as India's biggest professional debating organization.

What is the aim of Verbattle?

Verbattle aims to make the children and youth of India — logical in thinking, democratic in approach and civil in behavior.

Is Verbattle only into debate activities?

Verbattle organizes various programs such as Debate Competitions, Speech Competitions, Debate Coaching Programs, Teacher Training Program and Leadership Coaching Programs.

What constitutes the spirit of Verbattle?

Verbattle essentially employs Language, Logic, Democratic Values and Competitive Thinking to effectively conduct its activities in an impacting manner.

What is Verbattle Beginner?

Verbattle Beginner is the biggest state level debate tournament for school children in the age group of 8 to 12 years, studying in grades 3-6, conducted annually.

Who is organizing Verbattle Beginner?

The event is organized by Verbattle Foundation, a premier global debate and leadership education organization.

When exactly are the Verbattle Beginner championship competitions?

Verbattle Beginner 2024 will be held in Bengaluru from 02nd July 2024 and culminate with the finals on the 05th July 2024.

How many teams are expected to participate in Verbattle Beginner?

Invitations are sent to more than 500 institutions. About 300 teams are expected to participate. Including the number of teams participating in the selection rounds at the institution level, not less than 2000 students would have participated in the overall process of the event.

How many members should a team consist of?

A team should consist of two students from the same institution.

Is there any entry fee?

Yes, an entry fee of ₹1800/- is charged per team.

When will the registration begin?

Registration is ongoing on first come first serve basis and shall close upon reaching the requisite numbers.

Is there an age limit for the participants?

They should be in the age group of 8 to 12 years as on 1st June, 2024 & studying in any grades 3 to 6. Age criterion is strictly adhered to based on the declaration in the application.

What are the Prizes offered?

A cash prize of ₹20,000/- plus a lot of other useful prizes are offered to the winning team. The other two finalist teams will receive a cash prize of ₹5,000/- each and other prizes.

Is there a special Prize?

Yes. There will be a Mentor Trophy given for the winning team Mentor. This is valid only if the mentor is a teacher as registered in the application form and has taken part in all stages.

What about certificates?

Certificates will be issued to all participating students to their highest level of participation.

Who conducts the debates?

Deepak Thimaya, eminent media personality in Karnataka, is the founder of Verbattle. Mr Thimaya, with his unparalleled and distinct knowledge and experience in various fields, monitors, supervises and conducts the debates. (More information about him may be found on www.deepakthimaya.com)

On what basis would the debates be judged?

The Judges would award marks for logic, arguments, language, presentation, speaking skills, body language, presence of mind and time management. Conduct of the debaters on stage, their ability to think on their feet, wide exposure to knowledge, comprehension, listening skills and appealing talents will attract winning marks. More information can be had on the website.

What are the desired qualities in a debater?

The debater should be confident, self assured, well informed, open minded, sensitive, sensible, affable, accommodative, intelligent, quick thinking and a very good listener. A good debater would win without fighting. More information can be had on the website.

How is the selection done when there are different sets of Judges?

Each complete phase of the event is divided by the number of sessions of judges. The contests/teams per session are proportionally considered for the number of teams to be selected for the whole phase.

Will individual teams be allowed to participate on their own?

Entry through institutions is desired, but independent teams with authorization letter from the institution will be allowed. But the team will be recognized by the name of the institution. Both the team members should be from the same institution (that is, in case the institution has many units/branches the members of the team shall belong to the same unit or branch, though they may study in different classes or disciplines in the unit).

Who are the people/departments associated with Verbattle?

Eminent personalities and well – known organizations have been associated with Verbattle and have continued their support. Verbattle has witnessed a galaxy of luminaries from different fields who have graced its various events in the past years.

What are the stages of the event?

- The first stage is the Skirmish - the state Prelims.
- The second stage is Combat — the contest between 27 teams.
- The third stage is the Confrontation — The Semis, contest between 9 teams.
- The Finals Face Off, is three full course debates between the final 3 teams.

Where can one have all the details of Verbattle?

You can have most details by carefully looking at the web portal www.verbattle.com You could also watch relevant videos in www.youtube.com/verbattle

Where should one contact for registration details?

You may contact the helpline number +91 988 64 64 641, or visit the official website www.verbattle.com, or email to register@verbattle.com

VERBATTLE Beginner – FORMAT

Skirmish Round

Three teams will be put on the stage at a time for the Skirmish debates. But way of lotto, one statement is selected for each debate. Teams arguing in favour or against will also be decided by lotto (picking up of chits). There will be four rounds depending on the number of teams participating. Each team will get one minute to speak in a round. Based on the argument, performance, behavior, and team spirit, a total of 27 teams will be selected for the Combat round.

Combat - 27 teams

- Three teams debate on one statement
- Number of rounds: 6 (4 debate rounds, 1 mentor round, 1 audience round)
- Total of nine debates
- Number of teams selected for next level: 9

Confrontation - 9 teams

- Three teams debate on one statement
- Number of rounds: 7 (4 debate rounds, 1 mentor round, 1 audience round, 1 judges round)
- Total of three debates
- Number of teams selected for next level: 3

Face-Off – 3 teams

- Top three teams will make their own statements or alternatively, as decided by the chief moderator.
- Statement will be given to each proposing team one hour before the commencement of the debates. Opposing teams will be shared the same 30-45 minutes before.
- Number of rounds: 7 (4 debate rounds, 1 mentor round, 1 audience round, 1 judges round)
- Winner – One team

CALENDAR FOR THE VERBATTLE KARNATAKA DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

BENGALURU

DATE	ZONE	LEVEL
02 JULY	BENGALURU	SKIRMISH
03 JULY	BENGALURU	SKIRMISH
04 JULY	BENGALURU	COMBAT
05 JULY	BENGALURU	CONFRONTATION & FACE OFF