



## READY RECKONER AND FACTSHEET

### 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.

### Who is organizing Verbattle Junior?

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

### When exactly are the Verbattle Junior Championship competitions?

Verbattle Junior 2024 will start with the Zonal event in Mangaluru on the 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Hubballi on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and culminate with the finals on the 14<sup>th</sup> August 2024 in Bengaluru.

All the State level competitions will be held in Bengaluru and the Zonal level will be held in the respective Zonal centres.

### How many teams are expected to participate in Verbattle Junior?

Invitations are sent to more than 1500 institutions. About 400 teams are expected to participate from all over Karnataka. Including the number of teams participating in the selection rounds at the institution level, not less than 2500 students would participate in the overall process of the event.

### How many members should a team consist of?

A team should consist of two students from 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.

### 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 institute 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).

### Is there an age limit for the participants?

They should be in the age group of 12 to 16 years as on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2024 & studying in any grades 7 to 10. Age criterion is strictly adhered to based on the declaration in the application.

### What are the Prizes offered?

A cash prize of ₹1,00,000/- plus a lot of other useful prizes are offered to the winning team. The other two finalist teams will receive a cash prize of ₹20,000/- each and other prizes.

### Is there a special Prize?

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](http://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.

### 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 [internal selection](#) at the school level, based on various criteria put forth by Verbattle. The Second Stage is the Zonal [Clamber](#) Selection Round to select the total 81 teams for the state level contest. The Third Stage is [State Skirmish](#)- the contest between 81 teams. The Fourth Stage is the [Combat](#) -the Quarters, contest between 27 teams. The Fifth Stage is the [Confrontation](#)- the Semis, contest between 9 teams. The Final [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](http://www.verbattle.com) You could also watch relevant videos in [www.youtube.com/verbattle](http://www.youtube.com/verbattle)

### Where should one contact for registration details?

You may contact the helpline number +91 9886464641 or visit the official website [www.verbattle.com](http://www.verbattle.com), or email to [register@verbattle.com](mailto:register@verbattle.com)

## VERBATTLE JUNIOR – FORMAT

### Zonal Centres – Mangaluru, Hubballi & Bengaluru

#### Clamber

Statements will be given to Verbattle Junior registrants. Registered teams need to be prepared to argue in favour of and against for all the statements.

Three teams at a time will be put on the stage for the Zonal debates. By 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 4 rounds depending on the number of teams participating and each team will get one minute to speak in a round. Based on the argument, performance, behavior and team spirit, a total of 81 teams will be selected for the Skirmish round.

### State level Skirmish – 81Teams

- Three teams debate on one statement
- Number of rounds – 4
- Total 27 debates
- Number of teams selected for next level – 27
- Debate statements given 36 hours before the contest

### Combat – 27 Teams

- Three teams debate on one statement
- Number of rounds – 6  
(4+1 mentor + 1 audience - optional)
- Total 9 debates
- Number of teams selected for next level – 9
- Debate statements given 12 hours before the contest

### Confrontation – 9 Teams

- Three teams debate on one statement
- Number of rounds – 7  
(4+1 mentor + 1 audience + 1 Judges)
- Total 3 debates
- Number of teams selected for next level – 3
- Debate statements given 2 hours before the contest

### 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

### MANGALURU, HUBBALLI & BENGALURU

DATE	ZONE	LEVEL
08 JULY	MANGALURU	ZONAL CLAMBER
10 JULY	HUBBALLI	ZONAL CLAMBER
15 JULY	BENGALURU	ZONAL CLAMBER
16 JULY	BENGALURU	ZONAL CLAMBER
24 JULY	BENGALURU	SKIRMISH
25 JULY	BENGALURU	SKIRMISH
01 AUGUST	BENGALURU	COMBAT 1
02 AUGUST	BENGALURU	COMBAT 2
05 AUGUST	BENGALURU	CONFRONTATION
14 AUGUST	BENGALURU	FACE OFF