



## 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 40 large scale debate competitions across India and Europe. Verbattle started South India level competitions, 'Verbattle South' in 2012. 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, Debate Coaching Programs, Teacher Training Programs 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.

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

Verbattle Senior 2018 will start with the Zonal event in Hubballi on the 20th July 2018 and culminate with the finals on the 10th August 2018 in Bengaluru.

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

Invitations are sent to more than 2000 institutions. A minimum of about 500 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 3000 students would participate in the overall process of the event.

### Where are the different stages of the event going to be held?

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

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

A team should consist of two students.

### Is there any entry fee?

Yes, an entry fee of INR 600/- is charged per team.

### When will the registration begin?

Registration begins on 15th June, 2018.

### 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 16 to 24 years as on 1st July, 2018. Age criterion is strictly adhered to based on the declaration in the application.

### What are the Prizes offered?

A cash prize of INR 50,000/- plus a lot of other useful prizes are offered to the winning team. The other two finalist teams will receive a cash prize of INR 5,000/- each and other prizes.

### What about certificates?

Certificates will be issued to all participating students eliminated at each level.

### Who conducts the debates?

Deepak Thimaya, eminent TV 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 and listening skills and appealing talents also 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 college level, based on the various criteria put forth by Verbattle.
- The second stage is the zonal selection round to select the total 81 teams for the State level contest.
- The third stage is the Skirmish - the state Prelims in Bengaluru, the contest between 81 teams.
- The fourth stage is 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 three 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 9739 900 011, or visit the official website [www.verbattle.com](http://www.verbattle.com), or email to [register@verbattle.com](mailto:register@verbattle.com) / [verbattle@gmail.com](mailto:verbattle@gmail.com)

## VERBATTLE SENIOR – FORMAT

Zonal Centers– Hubballi, Mangaluru & Bengaluru

### Clamber

Ten statements will be given to Verbattle Senior registrants. Registered teams needs to be prepared to argue in favor of and against for all the ten statements

Three random teams will be put on the stage at a time for the Zonal debate. But way of lotto, one statement is selected for debate for each batch. Team arguing in favor or against will also be decided by lotto (picking up of chits). There will be three to four rounds depending on 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 81 teams will be selected for Skirmish round.

### State level Skirmish – 81 Teams

- 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 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

- Three subjects will be given and statement should be prepared by the each team using one subject which will be selected out of lotto.
- Each statement will be argued
- Number of rounds – 7  
(4+1 mentor + 1 audience + 1 Judges)
- Total number of debates – 3
- Winner – One Team

## CALENDAR FOR THE VERBATTLE DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP 2018

### KARNATAKA HUBBALLI, MANGALURU & BENGALURU

DATE	ZONE	LEVEL
20 JULY	HUBBALLI	ZONALCLAMBER
26 JULY	MANGALURU	ZONAL CLAMBER
01 AUGUST	BENGALURU	ZONAL CLAMBER
02 AUGUST	BENGALURU	SKIRMISH
06 AUGUST	BENGALURU	COMBAT
08 AUGUST	BENGALURU	CONFRONTATION
10 AUGUST	BENGALURU	FACE OFF