

THAILAND MIDDLE SCHOOL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP



TMDC
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Participant Handbook



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About TMDC

Thailand Middle School Debating Championship (TMDC) is part of a series of Middle-school competitions that include VMDC (Vietnam) and AMDC (Asia).

It is Thailand's first and only debate competition for middle school students. The first TMDC was held in 2023 and had 10 teams from 5 institutions.

The goal of TMDC is to provide a platform for young debaters to test their debating skills.

Date: May 04-05, 2024

Time: 07:30 - 19:30

Venue: TBD

Eligibility: Grade 6 (11 y.o.) - Grade 9 (14 y.o.)

Teams: 3 - 5 members per team.
Non-institutional/mixed teams are welcome

Registration Link:
<https://forms.gle/jF7Sb8dWh3dbirgz9>

Registration Fee (Per Team):
THB 15,000 (Thailand)
USD 430 (International)

Observer Fee (Per person):
THB 1,000 (Thailand)
USD 30 (International)



Registration Process

Step 1

Book your slot!

Let us know how many teams you want to register below:

<https://forms.gle/jF7Sb8dWh3dbirqz9>

REGISTRATION CLOSES
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Step 2

Confirmation

Our team members will contact you to confirm the team and help you process the registration fee.

Make sure you check your email!

Step 3

Personal Information

We will send you a form to collect personal information of each participant.

Team name
Number of team members
Jr/Sr category
Names of speakers
Email of speakers
Dietary restrictions



Tournament Schedule

DAY 1		DAY 2	
07:30 - 08:15	Check-In and Registration	07:30 - 08:00	Check-in and Registration
08:15 - 09:15	Day 1 Briefing	08:00 - 08:30	Day 2 Briefing
09:15 - 11:15	Round 1	08:30 - 10:30	Round 5
11:15 - 12:30	Lunch	10:30 - 11:00	Break Announcement
12:30 - 14:30	Round 2	11:00 - 12:00	Lunch
14:30 - 16:30	Round 3	12:00 - 14:00	Open QF / Junior Semi
16:30 - 17:00	Tea	14:00 - 16:00	Open Semi / Junior Final
17:00 - 19:00	Round 4	16:00 - 16:30	Tea Break
		16:30 - 18:30	Open Grand Final
		18:30 - 19:30	Closing & Award Ceremony



Tournament Format

Preliminary Rounds

All teams will debate 5 rounds as they collect wins. Both Junior and Senior teams will compete in the same pool. Teams are *powermatched and their side is assigned randomly. The top teams will make it to the knockout rounds.

Knockout Rounds

In this stage, The top ranking teams compete in their own category. The top 8 Open teams will compete in the Open Quarter Finals while the top 4 Junior teams will compete in the Junior Semi Finals. Then the teams will debate until the top 2 teams are left in the Finals of each category.

Open Category:
Grade 6 - Grade 9

***Junior Category:**
Grade 6 - Grade 7

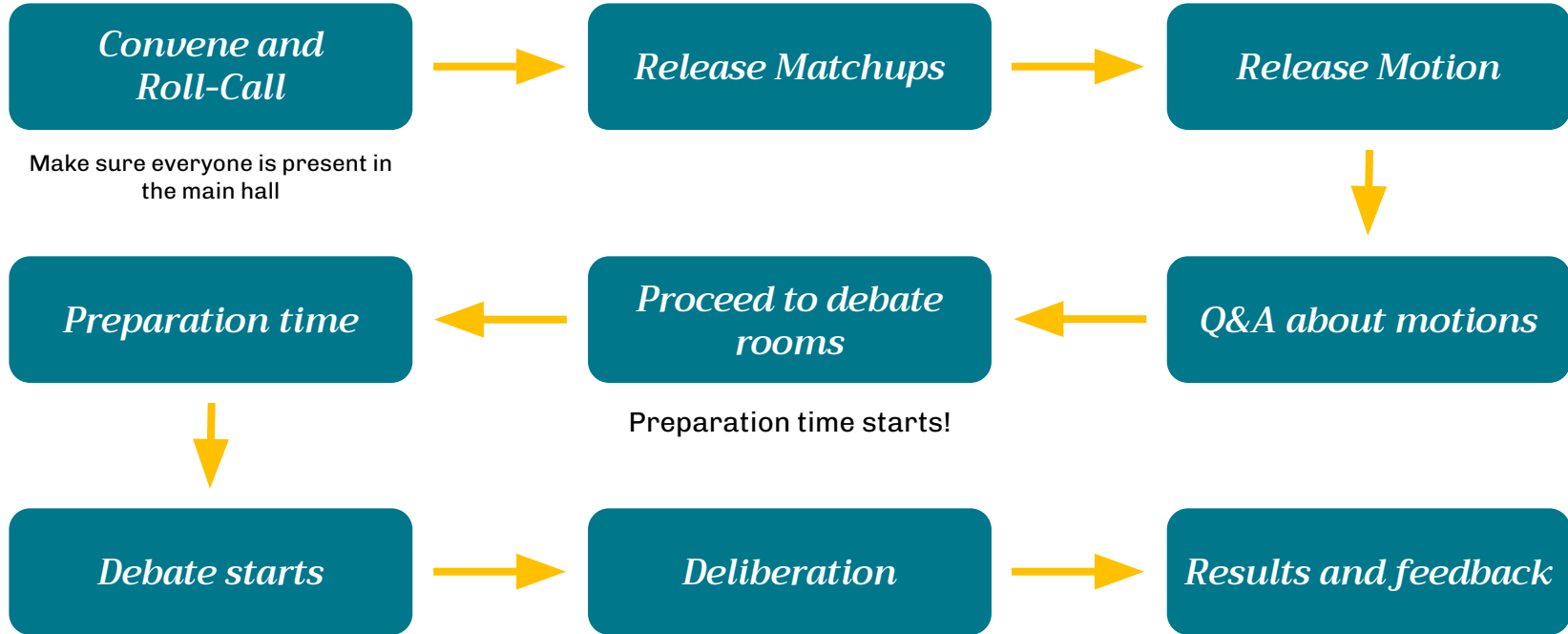
**All team members must be junior participants for the team to be eligible for junior category.*

Powermatch

Teams will be matched up with opponents that have the same number of wins. Round 1 is random



Flow Of Each Round














Matchups

The matchups will be announced in the main hall. Make sure you know which room you are debating in and which side you are on for that round. Government teams will be listed on the left while opposition teams are on the right.

	Government	Opposition
Room 1	 Team Name	 Team Name ans
Room 2	 Team Name	 Team Name
Room 3	 Team Name	 Team Name



Preparation Time

The debate motions for this tournament will be announced at the tournament. All rounds are impromptu rounds with no prepared motions. After the motion is announced, participants may ask the chief judges questions to help them understand the motion. Once the questions have been answered, the preparation time will begin.

Preparation Time

Duration: 30 minutes

Government Teams: Prepare inside of the debate room.

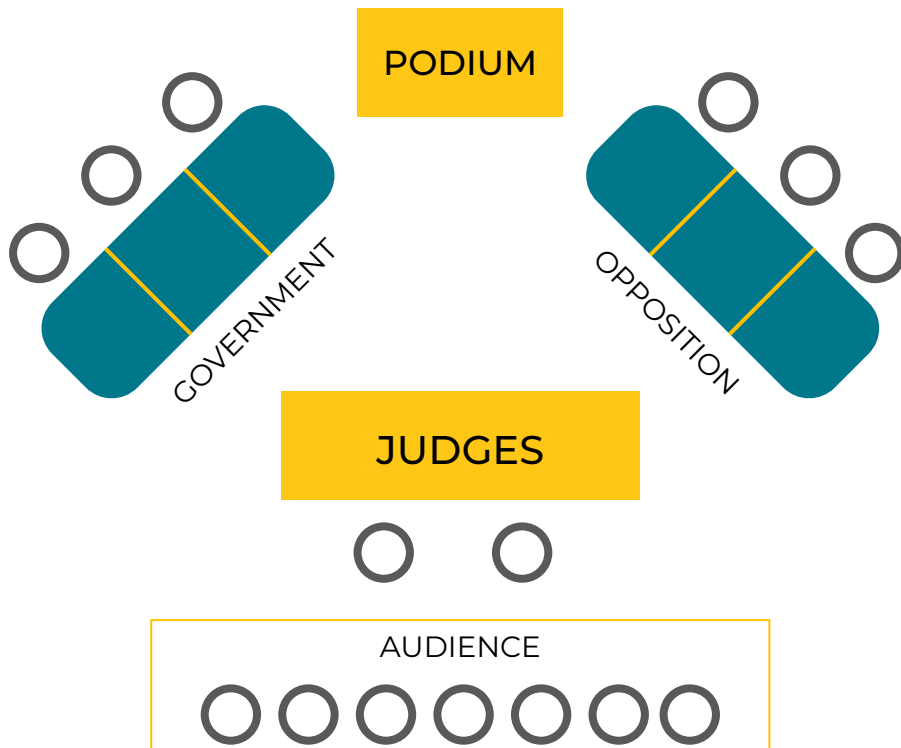
Opposition Teams: Prepare at the area outside the debate room.

Guidelines

- Printed materials and online research are **NOT** allowed. Electronic Devices are only allowed to be used to keep time.
- You are only allowed to talk to your teammates. Do not talk to teachers, parents or opponents.



Room Layout and Format



Preparation time: 30 minutes

Substantive speeches: 6 Minutes

1. Prime Minister
2. Leader of Opposition
3. Deputy Prime Minister
4. Deputy Leader of Opposition
5. Government Whip
6. Opposition Whip

Reply Speeches: 4 minutes

1. Opposition Reply
2. Government Reply

Deliberation: 15 minutes (max)

Total: 90 minutes

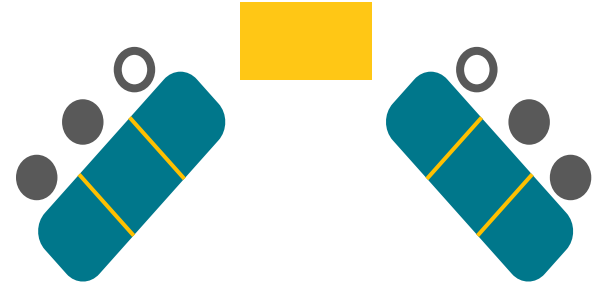




Speaker Roles (First Speakers)

Prime Minister (PM) and Leader of Opposition (LO)

As leaders of their team, they begin the debate for their side by introducing the background, or context, of the issue, defining the scope of the debate, and presenting arguments that are the foundation of their case.



Responsibilities of a first speaker:

Define the motion

Outline the arguments

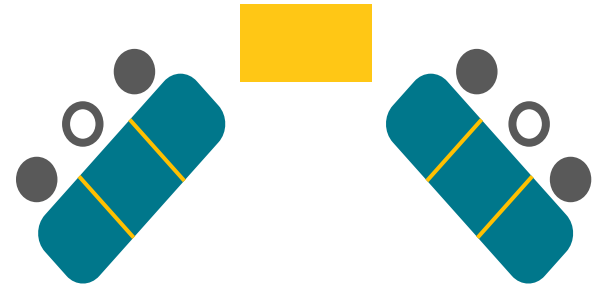
Present arguments



Speaker Roles (Second Speakers)

Deputy Prime Minister (DPM) and Deputy Leader of Opposition (DLO)

As the deputies, they continue on the work of the previous speakers by adding layers of analysis through rebuttals, responses to their opponent's rebuttals, and presenting their own arguments.



Responsibilities of a second speaker:

Defend the first speaker

Offer rebuttals

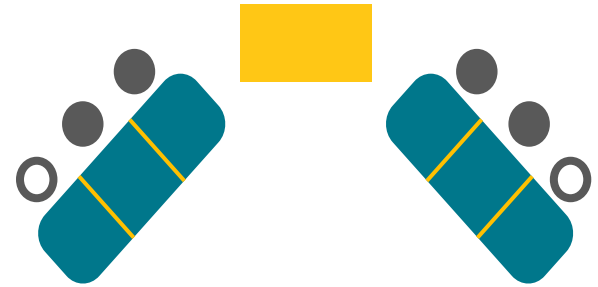
Present new arguments



Speaker Roles (Third Speakers)

Government Whip (GW) and Opposition Whip (OW)

The third speaker ties up loose ends in the debate. They do this by engaging in any remaining materials to rebut and comparing the arguments presented by both teams. Third speakers are not allowed to bring in any new issues into the debate.



Responsibilities of a third speaker:

Rebut standing arguments

Defend team

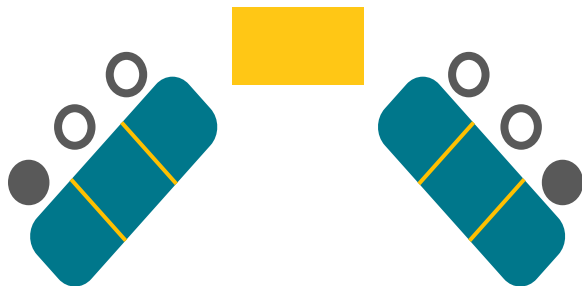
Compare the impacts



Speaker Roles (Reply Speakers)

Government Reply and Opposition Reply

The reply speakers review the debate by presenting a summary of the debate. The speech is intended to explain why their side has already won the debate. The reply speech must be delivered by either the first or second speaker of your team; **it cannot be delivered by the same person that delivered the third speech.**



Responsibilities of a third speaker:

Summarize the debate

Identify clashes

Compare team performance



Judging

- In WSDC debating, main speeches are marked out of 100%
- The WSDC speaker scale is between 60-80
- The average speech is 70

Standard	Overall (/100)	Style (/40)	Content (/40)	Strategy (/20)
Exceptional	80	32	32	16
Excellent	76-79	31	31	15-16
Extremely Good	74-75	30	30	15
Very Good	71-73	29	29	14-15
Good	70	28	28	14
Satisfactory	67-69	27	27	13-14
Competent	65-66	26	26	13



Additional Resources

Want to dive deeper into the rules and guidelines of the format?

Check out these resources for additional reading:

Introduction to WSDC Format

<https://www.esu.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Introduction-to-World-Schools-format-guide.pdf>

WSDC Debater and Adjudicator briefing

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/17cV6ZUE9pROG0yCjp3wgCM-iJO8p22DgrSP9GGH2heI/edit?usp=sharing>





About Point Avenue

Point Avenue is a private ed-tech company offering K-12 educational services. We believe in mentoring students in a holistic manner, utilizing highly personalized approach to provide every student with tailored roadmaps.

Vision

To become the global leader in education technology

Mission

To empower tomorrow's leaders to transform the world through wisdom, integrity, and compassion

Motto

Character First, the Pathway to Excellence



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