

TISB DEBATE 2024 CODE OF CONDUCT



*This document, the **TISB DEBATE 2024 Code of Conduct**, entails obligatory guidelines as mandated by the institution, The International School of Bangalore, and the organizing committee of the first iteration of TISB DEBATE. These guidelines are to be abided by at any given time during the competition. On the premise that any given participant is not only responsible for their actions but also representative of the school, any breach of this Code will provoke necessary action, at the discretion of the Organizing Committee, as stated herewith.*

Conduct & Language

1) This institution and competition have a strictly enforced Anti-Bullying and Anti-Discrimination Policy which includes the following:

- A. Any act which targets specific Genders, Sexual Orientations, Religions, Race, Caste, Creed, Nationality, Ethnicity, and Individuals with Disabilities,
- B. Such an act can manifest in forms including derogatory language, suggestive comments, inappropriate glances, acts of hostility or violence, harassment, etc.,
- C. Foul/vulgar language is prohibited and is to be kept strictly formal at all times during the conference;

2) All debaters are expected to maintain a proper attitude during the competition while respecting fellow debaters' ideas, viewpoints, and opinions to maintain a conducive environment for all participants.

3) Disruptive Behaviour including Harassment of Staff and theft of intellectual property of other participants will not be tolerated. Furthermore, collusion amongst teams on similar sides of a motion will also not be acceptable.

4) If a debater feels uncomfortable at any moment, they are advised to contact the nearest member of the Organizing Committee or the Teacher Advisor of TISB DEBATE, Mr. Anubhab Chaterjee, at canubhab@tisb.ac.in.

5) A violation of clauses 1 and 3 solicits an irrevocable disqualification from awards, expulsion of the debater, or a blacklist of the school from the conference and its future iterations, depending on the severity of the violation and the discretion of the Organizing Committee. The institution 'The International School Bangalore' cannot be held accountable for such instances.

Dress Code

- 1) While the competition takes a virtual platform, a formal dress code is advised for all participants when on video.
- 2) Clothing must be modest and unrevealing.
- 3) If a debater's outfit is deemed inappropriate, they may be denied entry video permissions.

Refunds Policy

- 1) Once debaters have received confirmation of registration, a refund will not be permitted.
- 2) An expulsion from the competition does not solicit a refund.

Plagiarism

- 1) All debaters are formally requested to cite sources if asked for by the judge.
- 2) All speeches given by debaters including rebuttal, must be your work, not the work of another person or artificial intelligence. Suspicion of AI usage or plagiarism may lead to a decision taken by the organizing committee on the debater's future participation in the next rounds.
- 3) Plagiarism above a certain limit will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification from awards.

Privacy Policy

- 1) Social Media Responsibility is advised:
 - A. Any abusive or offensive content regarding the conference is to be avoided,
 - B. Violating the privacy of fellow delegates (such as – taking pictures without consent) is a punishable offense.
- 2) By participating in this conference, debaters consent to be photographed by members of the TISB DEBATE Media team for the conference's promotional content. If at any point where a debater should feel uncomfortable, please advise the nearest member of the TISB DEBATE staff.

Technology Policy

- 1) The competition will use TabbyCat for draws and logistics, and a Discord server for the running of the competition. The Discord platform allows users to join user-created and user-run groups called Servers. Hence, the following apply:

- a. TISB DEBATE 2024 will be held on a server hereby referred to as TISB DEBATE Server, created by the Organizing Committee. The TISB DEBATE Organizing Committee and teacher advisor only has supervision over the TISB DEBATE Server on Discord where permissions and roles of participants will be moderated.
- b. The school is not liable for any activities that occur beyond this server on the Discord platform or third-party activities.
- c. It is the duty of the participants to abide by the rules of the TISB DEBATE Server, failure to abide by these rules will lead to strict action from moderators including a possible disqualification. The decision of the Organizing Committee is final.
- d. The TISB DEBATE Server requires users to verify their virtual avatar using the **SAME** email address used during registration. Users without a verified email id will be unable to access the server.
- e. Participants will be sent the link to a server shortly after registration. They are requested to join the server a few days in advance to ensure smooth operation on the days of the event.
- f. It is the duty of the participant to ensure that no discriminatory activities previously outlined by this code of conduct occur within and outside of the TISB DEBATE discord server space.

Miscellaneous

- 1) In the case of an emergency, please inform the nearest member of staff from the TISB DEBATE team.

2) A technical check for participants may be conducted a few days prior to the competition on the virtual platform, it is the duty and responsibility of the participant to clarify technical issues in this given time. Any unresolved technical issues by those who haven't attended the technical check will not be the school's responsibility.

3) During impromptu motions, research and the use of the internet are strictly prohibited apart from the use of a collaborative document (preferably Google Docs) to work with your team, and other means of intra-team communication.

Any violations of the above code should be dutifully reported to the Judges, Organizing Committee, Volunteers, or the Teacher Advisor of TISB DEBATE. We hope to see everyone on February 17th and 18th.

Best of Luck,

Organizing Committee | **TISB DEBATE 2024**