

DIALOGUE BOX: Spar by Sentence

Academic Debate Competition

Introduction

Witness the head-to-head battle of wits in DIALOGUE BOX: Spar by Sentence, where words are your weapons to defeat opponents with ultimate strategy. Whether you're a seasoned debater or a rising star, this is the ultimate challenge. Power up your points, sharpen your sentences, and level up your debate skills in this thrilling contest of intellect. Are you ready to take the stage and emerge victorious? Let's-a go! Jump into the battle of wits, use your words like power-ups, and outsmart your opponents. Here we go!

Participants and Tournament Framework

1. Each team must consist of four (4) to six (6) registered members.
 2. The designated team captain will remain in this role throughout the competition unless removed by the team through impeachment. In such a case, a written resolution must be submitted to the organizers at least three (3) days before the impeachment takes effect.
 3. All participants must be bona fide students of Holy Angel University, enrolled in the School of Computing, and must not be part of the organizing team
 4. The competition's rules and regulations will follow a Modified Oregon Oxford Debate Format, incorporating motions for cross-examination. Victory in each match will be determined by a single debate round, with the winner decided by the highest average score from a panel of adjudicators.
 5. The competition will use a double-elimination bracket system. Tournament rankings will be updated via Challenge.
 6. The organizers reserve the right to amend the terms and conditions with prior notice, ensuring fairness and participants' rights are upheld.
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Floor Management

1. Participants shall arrive at the venue thirty (30) minutes before the scheduled time for final orientation and other preparations needed prior to the event.

2. Failure of the participants to enter the venue once the competition starts will result in termination by default.
3. Team captains and spectators must bring a white placard (or a similar paper of comparable thickness) displaying the teams name, the participant's full name, and their position (captain or member). The text must be neatly printed or written in landscape orientation, readable from a distance. The placard size should be half of an A3 sheet, cut lengthwise.
4. All participants are required to wear anything between the range of smart casual attire to corporate attire that is a collar attire for uniformity.
5. Substitutions are permitted before the session if a speaker becomes unexpectedly unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances. However, the substitute must be a registered participant, and the OICs must be notified at least 30 minutes before the scheduled session.
6. Actively debating participants on the debate proper must be allowed to communicate with each other and to their spectating teammates through note passing. Unnecessary noise generated by the actively debating participants that are on queue for speech or for cross examination must not be allowed.
7. SPECIAL PROVISION. Spectators are allowed to react with "hear", "hear! hear!", and "shame" or any similar reaction, PROVIDED HOWEVER, that the reaction is not that scandalous in nature. Thus, any unnecessary scandalous reaction may subject the spectator to be sent out of the venue.

Fact-Checking of Evidences

1. Participants may bring materials, including electronic devices such as smartphones and laptops, into the session for fact-checking purposes.
2. Spectators can submit a petition to nullify any invalid evidence or false claims made during the debate. To do so, they must raise their placard to present the petition, which will then be reviewed by the deputy chairperson.
3. The Officer-in-Charge (OIC) has the authority to determine if there is probable cause for the petition and can raise a motion for a caucus to allow the adjudicators to review it. This motion may be seconded by any committee member, participant, or officer-in-charge and cannot be contested by individual objections.

4. If the OIC files a motion for a caucus, it indicates that the petition has probable cause. If the petition is rejected by the OIC, it will be considered a warning and counted as a baseless petition. A second rejection in the same debate will count as one baseless petition, while a third rejection will be treated as an additional baseless petition, not merely a warning.
 5. Disputed evidence will be fact-checked by the adjudicators. Adjudicators will be consulted as needed to clarify, explain, and finalize the nullification or acceptance of evidence.
 6. A simple majority of adjudicators is required to certify a petition to nullify evidence or a claim, impacting the scoring of the debate.
 7. Excessive Filing of Baseless Petitions: Any petition rejected by the adjudicators will be deemed "baseless." After three instances of baseless petitions by a single team in one game, that team will lose the right to file any further petitions for the remainder of the competition.
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Pre-Event Guidelines

1. Topic and house assignments shall be announced at least four (4) days before the competition.
 2. Selection of topic and house assignments shall be facilitated by the OIC through random selection, preferably with the aid of an electronic spin-the-wheel platform or fish-bowl draw lots.
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Orders of Speakers and Attendance

1. Each team must submit their order of speakers to the OIC at least fifteen (15) minutes before the scheduled time.
2. No changes to the order of speakers will be permitted after the Deputy Chairperson has received the finalized order for the specific match.
3. The Events Committee will conduct a roll call of participants following the announcement of the proposition.
4. At least four (4) members from each team must be present.

5. The team captain must be one of the constructive speakers and also serve as the rebuttal speaker. However, the team captain cannot be the third speaker.
6. Participants actively debating must raise their placards during the roll call and when acknowledged for their speech.
7. The following shall be a sample of the style of the order of speakers:

____nth Order of Business

Proposition - Affirmative/Negative House

Time - Date

First Speaker - Honorable Rep. [NAME 1]

Second Speaker - Honorable Rep. [NAME 2] (Team Captain)

Third Speaker - Honorable Rep. [NAME 3]

Rebuttal Speaker - Honorable Rep. [NAME 2] (Team Captain)

Speeches, Interpolation, and Cross Examination

1. Each participant will be allotted three (3) minutes for their constructive speech and one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds for interpolation. The rebuttal speaker will have three (3) minutes for their rebuttal speech. Interpolations and cross-examinations will be limited to categorical questions.
2. Each team will be allowed two (2) motions to cross-examine during the entire debate, PROVIDED that each constructive speaker can only be cross-examined once, and FURTHER PROVIDED that no cross-examinations will be allowed during the rebuttal speech or interpolation.
3. Speakers requesting to cross-examine will be given one (1) minute and thirty (30) seconds to cross-examine the constructive speaker. The privilege to cross-examine is limited to speakers listed in the order of speeches.
4. To signal a motion for cross-examination, the speaker must raise their placard and say, "motion to cross-examine." The chairperson will instruct the timekeeper to pause the timer for the current constructive speaker and start a separate timer for the cross-examining speaker.
5. Only the speaker who raises the motion to cross-examine will be allowed to conduct the cross-examination. Additionally, the first minute of a constructive speech will be uninterrupted by any motions, meaning no speaker from the opposing side may request a cross-examination during the first minute of each constructive speech.

6. Both English and Tagalog (including modern variations and words from other Filipino languages incorporated into Tagalog as part of the national language) are allowed during speeches. HOWEVER, opposing teams and adjudicators may interrupt the speaker or ask for clarification by raising a placard if an uncommon Tagalog word is used and not explained by the speaker. Raising placards is not allowed if the speaker has clearly defined the word in their speech.
7. The following must be the sequence of the debate:
 - a. (AH - Affirmative House NH - Negative House)
 - i. AH First Speaker Constructive Speech (Definition and limits shall be presented)
 - ii. Interpolation of the AH First Speaker to be led by NH First Speaker
 - iii. NH First Speaker Constructive Speech (Definition and limits, including contest of limits if not contested beforehand, shall be presented; a simple majority of the adjudicators will decide the validity of the contest of limits)
 - iv. Interpolation of the NH First Speaker to be led by AH First Speaker
 - v. Constructive Speech of the AH Second Speaker
 - vi. Interpolation of the AH Second Speaker to be led by NH Second Speaker
 - vii. Constructive Speech of the NH Second Speaker
 - viii. Interpolation of the NH Second Speaker to be led by AH Second Speaker
 - ix. Constructive Speech of the AH Third Speaker
 - x. Interpolation of the AH Third Speaker to be led by NH Third Speaker
 - xi. Constructive Speech of the NH Third Speaker
 - xii. Interpolation of the NH Third Speaker to be led by AH Third Speaker
 - xiii. Three (3) minute rebuttal speech of the NH
 - xiv. Three (3) minute rebuttal speech of the AH

General Parliamentary Rules of The Session

1. The entire session, from the beginning of the program until the conclusion of the awarding ceremony, will be moderated by the Chairperson and the Events Committee.
2. The team captains will have the exclusive right to represent their team's concerns during the event. If a concern needs to be raised during the debate sequence, the team captain must raise their placard.
3. Participants actively debating who are not team captains are not permitted to raise placards after the introduction.
4. All attendees should be familiar with the following points, motions, and terminologies to effectively communicate with session members in scenarios where something is needed but not explicitly covered in the Event Rules and Regulations:

I. Terminologies and Common Phrases

- **Order of Speeches** - Chronological list of acknowledged speakers.
- **Sustained (only used by the chairperson)** - When an objection is sustained, the evidence/argument in question is rejected.
- **Objection: (reason)** - Calling out an action that is fallacious in nature or in violation of the guidelines.
- **Overruled (only used by the chairperson)** - When an objection is overruled, the evidence/argument in question is admitted (status quo, as if the objection never existed).
- **Applause is in order (only used by the chairperson)** - Clapping is allowed.
- **Reclaiming my time...** - Calling out interruptions during your provided time.
- **Order** - State of orderliness in a moderated session.
- **Session** - Either: 1) the event itself; or 2) a collective term to address all attendees.
- **Order of Business** - List of Agendas, which is, in the case of the debate, the proposition.
- **Floor** - A metaphorical venue we share to address the session.
- **Yield** - End of a speech and a cue to return control or attention of the floor to the moderating chairperson.

II. Points

- **Floor** - A metaphorical venue we share to address the session
- **Yield** - End of a speech and a cue to return control or attention of the floor to the moderating chairperson
- **Session** - Either 1.) the event itself; or 2.) collective word to address all attendees
- **Order** - state of orderliness in a moderated session
- **Sustained (only used by the chairperson)** - When an objection is sustained, the evidence/argument in question is rejected
- **Overruled (only used by the chairperson)** - When an objection is overruled, the evidence/argument in question is admitted (status quo, as if the objection never existed)
- **Order of Business** - List of Agendas, which is in the case of the debate, the proposition.
- **Order of Speeches** - Chronological list of acknowledged speakers • **Reclaiming my time...** - Calling out interruptions on your provided time
- **Objection: (reason)** - Calling out an action that is fallacious in nature or in violation to the guidelines
- **Applause is in order (only used by the chairperson)** - Clapping is allowed

III. Motions (mainly used by the Events Committee)

- **Motion to postpone indefinitely** - Asking permission to not consider a motion or an order of business.
- **Motion to lay on the table** - Asking permission to delay consideration of a motion or an order of business that can be addressed after handling an urgent motion or order of business.
- **Motion for a recess/Motion to suspend session for a recess** - Asking permission to have a short break during a session, which will resume later the same day.
- **Motion to close debates** - Asking permission to close the debate, prevent any further amendments, and finalize the scoring of the debates.
- **Motion for an unmoderated caucus** - Asking permission to discuss without moderation (often used as prep time).
- **Motion for a caucus** - Asking permission to discuss a certain concern.

- **Motion to suspend** - Asking permission to have a break in the session, with the session resuming on a different date; the date and time must be mentioned.

Notes and Visual Aids

- Any equipment or materials containing notes are allowed, PROVIDED they fit on the designated table and within the given space.
- Speakers are permitted to use a PowerPoint presentation, video clips, or other visual aids accessible through WPS Office or Microsoft Office Suites, VLC Media Player, or any offline program or webpage platform (such as executable files /.exe/, HTML files /.html/, and text files /.txt/). HOWEVER, speakers must provide their own laptops. Additionally, if the laptops require extra accessories like HDMI adapters or AUX cables, the organizers do not guarantee the availability of these items. FINALLY, the content of any visual aids must be submitted to the organizers at least 30 minutes before the competition begins.

Registration

1. Registration must be completed by filling out the registration form provided by the OIC by September 28, 2024.
2. The completed registration form should include the following attachments:
 - a. An official master list of participants
 - b. A schedule from the student portal (with the file named after the student's name and including the student's name in the screenshot)
3. Changes to the list of participants will be accepted only until October 4, 2024. A revised official master list of participants, along with the necessary requirements for additional members, should be submitted by then.
4. Point persons will be added to a messenger group chat dedicated to the event for easier communication regarding queries and important announcements.
5. Both the point person and participants must attend all orientations and meetings related to the event as scheduled by the Events Committee. If either the point

person or participant is unavailable, they may send a representative who will be responsible for updating their respective point person and other participants.

6. The event will take place on October 8 at 10:00 AM.

CRITERIA FOR JUDGING

- The Special awards like Best Debater and Best Speaker shall be given recognition.
- The top three highest pointers shall be declared as the 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place respectively.
- The decision of the Judges is final and irrevocable.
- Any problem encountered must be addressed to the corresponding officer-in-charge for the event before, within the course or after the competition by the Liaison Officer.

Criteria	Percentage	
Interpellation: (Individual Performance) To formally inquire about an official action, policy, or personal conduct.	30%	Highest: 30 Lowest: 15
Delivery: (Phrasing, Diction, and Enunciation) The contestant delivers the piece with clear speaking, accurate pronunciation, proper enunciation, and suitable voice volume for audibility. The audience should be able to clearly understand the words spoken, while the contestant effectively conveys the piece.	30%	Highest: 30 Lowest: 15
Evidence: (Facts, Statistics & Authorities) Includes all relevant resources and reference information. Refers to facts, documentation, or testimony used to support a claim, reinforce an argument, or reach a conclusion.	25%	Highest: 20 Lowest: 10
Rebuttal: The contestant presents evidence intended to contradict or nullify the evidence provided by the opposing party.	15%	Highest: 15 Lowest: 5
TOTAL	100%	

DEDUCTIONS

1. A 2-point deduction from the computed average for the concerned game will be applied due to:
 - Presentation of fabricated points declared null and void by the adjudicators.
 - Non-compliance with General Provisions C (1, 5, 6, and 7).
 - Non-compliance by spectating members, coaches, and CSC officers and staff with the special provisions.
 - Non-compliance with implementing rules and regulations, uncovered provisions from previous sections, terms decided for compliance in meetings recorded in the minutes concerning Pámiyatbátan, and dress code guidelines provided by the Student Handbook.
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DISQUALIFICATION

- Failure to register a qualified participant for the event within the prescribed period.
 - Any act deemed immoral, such as cheating or sabotaging other participants.
 - Non-compliance with General Provisions C (2 and 3).
 - Any act that undermines the public's faith and confidence in the government and/or duly constituted authorities.
 - Any act that glorifies criminals or condones criminal behavior.
 - Any act that is libelous or defamatory towards the reputation of any person, living or deceased, or institution.
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Note: Any problem encountered must be addressed to the corresponding Officers-in-Charge for the event before, within the course, or after the competition but before the awarding ceremony takes place. Otherwise, the concern will no longer be entertained.



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