

## **MAH DEBATE – WAR OF WORDS**

### **Rules and Regulations-2018**

1. Day and Date: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> August' 2018
2. Venue: Maria's Public School, Birkuchi, Narengi, Guwahati
3. A school team will consist of 2 members each, from Class X, XI and XII.
4. The two debaters will speak for and against the motion respectively.
5. There will be two rounds.
6. Five topics for the debate have been given. Any one of the topics will be given to the students for the semi-finals, as well as for the final round of debate.
7. Reporting time: 8:30 AM
8. Registration of the teams: 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM
9. The Semi-Finals will start at 10: 00 AM sharp
10. Each debater will speak for three (3) minutes in the first round and four (4) minutes in the second round.
11. The decision of the jury will be final and binding.
12. The participating debaters must be in their proper school uniform and carry a valid school ID card.
13. The registration form attached herewith must be duly filled, sealed and signed by the Head of the Institution.
14. There will be no registration fee.
15. Date of confirmation: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2018.
16. Participation may be confirmed through email at:  
[principal@mariaspublicschool.org](mailto:principal@mariaspublicschool.org), [mausumi.mahanta@yahoo.com](mailto:mausumi.mahanta@yahoo.com) or  
Phone number: Principal - 03612647880, Mausumi Mahanta - 9864068171.
17. The school team must be accompanied by a Faculty member.

### **Structure and Format.**

The first round will be the elimination round in which every speaker from both sides speaks for 3 minutes. Mandatory interjections (question and answer) to be asked by every speaker. Order of speeches and the interjections to the speaker shall be decided by a draw. Based on the scores of the first round, four or five teams shall proceed to the final round in which the speaking time may be increased by a minute. Motions will be decided again by a draw.

### **Scoring.**

Every speech to be scored out of a total of 50 marks. 20 marks to be allocated to the MATTER. 20 marks to be allocated to MANNER and METHOD. 10 marks for the

INTERJECTION round (both question and answer). Thus every team gets a score of out 100. The same pattern will be followed for the finals as well.

**Motions.**

1. This house believes that it is necessary to limit the power and freedom of social media.
2. This house believes that countries have a duty to take in refugees at their borders.
3. This house wants a ban on the release and continuation of addictive games like Pokemon Go.
4. This house believes that news channels which openly declare themselves as being partisan towards the ruling party, should be boycotted.
5. This house supports the idea of paternity leave.

WAR WITH WORDS  
(INTER SCHOOL DEBATE)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name of the School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team members and classes:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of the accompanying faculty member:

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Signature and Name of the Head of the Institution

School Seal