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# DEBATO

Online debating competition for teenagers

Video Guidelines-2019

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# Video guidelines

- a. Please ensure your face is visible throughout the length of the video.
- b. Do not shake the camera, place your camera on a tripod or a solid surface to shoot.
- c. Check the sound quality. Use a mic to avoid echo and background noise. Ensure that audio and video are in sync.
- d. Please check if you are suppose to speak “for the motion” or “against the motion”. It is mentioned in the topic email sent to the Communication ID provided by you.
- e. Please stick to the topic given to you. The judges will be looking at the following criteria for shortlisting you
  - i. Quality of the argument / logic
  - ii. Style of delivery and quality of the video/audio
  - iii. Votes on our website and popularity on social media
- f. Each video should be minimum 60 seconds long but not be more than 180 seconds. If the length of the video is too short or too long you can be disqualified.
- g. Language used should be English. Please add a subtitle to your video to increase comprehension (optional)
- h. You can take the help of editing software like Hitfilm express, Windows Movie Maker, Adobe Premier etc to create/edit your video.  
Quick tip: Feel free to apply your creative skills to convey the message but do not go overboard. Remember this is a debating competition. Your argument, logic and style of delivery is way more important to win than the animation and editing techniques you spend time perfecting on.
- i. File size should not be more than 1GB, recording is recommended at 1080p, 60FPS please use a good quality camera for recording along with a microphone for best results. Kindly note, that your video will be uploaded on your own YouTube account with the title mentioned under video file naming nomenclature below.
- j. In the preliminary online round we will be following the one on one prepared debate format, popularly known as Oxford-style debate.
- k. You will see a **pending** status message on successful upload. Please check back in 72 hours to see if your video has been approved or rejected. Please read this document to know more about disqualification rules. It is normal that the video will not play unless approved by our admin. So if you see an error message on pressing play button, do not be concerned.
- l. Please ensure that the video uploaded on Youtube is public and not private or unlisted. Such videos will be disqualified immediately.

## How to name the video?

Please name the video file as per the instructions below;

**Topic as given in email - for the motion / against the motion - Name of participant - Debato**

### Example

Registered participant name: Ravi Venkatraman  
Topic received in email: For the motion-Video games affect brain development

#### File Name for Upload

**Video games affect brain development - For the motion - Ravi Venkatraman - School Of Meaningful Experiences**

## Youtube Video description

Please add the following hashtags in the description of the video:

**#debato #schoolofmeaningfulexperiences #dontthinkitjustdebateit**

followed by the transcript of the video in the description of the youtube video with your name mentioned at the end. This is to avoid any kind of anomalies in the course of the competition. W

Kindly follow all the guidelines to avoid disqualification

# Video upload process

1. Log onto [www.some.education/debato](http://www.some.education/debato) and login into your debato account.
  2. Participants have to upload their video on YouTube and paste the URL link (of the video) in the text field given in our website via Login ID created earlier while registering. **Once submitted, the contestant will not have an option to change the video URL.** The video upload status will remain 'pending' It will be approved by the Debato team.
  3. Please make sure you abide by the video guidelines before starting out to avoid chances of disqualification. Please name the videos correctly according to the format given.
  4. If the video follows all the video guidelines, it will be published on the [some.education](http://some.education) website after October 31st. You will be notified of the same via email, and anyone who visits the website can vote for you and share the videos on their social media, increasing your chances of competing at the finals in Bangalore in January 2020.
  5. If the video does not follow the above mentioned guidelines then the judges can choose to disqualify it. In such a case, there will be no refund.
  6. The judges will be looking at the following criteria for shortlisting you
    - Quality of the argument / logic
    - Style of delivery and quality of the video/audio
    - Votes on our website and popularity on social media
  7. Preliminary round winners will be announced on our website on the 15th of December 2019. Please check our social media pages and website for more information.
  8. You will be notified via email about your performance and qualifying participants will have to register for Debato final round which will take place at Bangalore in January 2020.
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# EVENT SCHEDULE

**1st Oct** **2019**

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Registrations Open

**15th Dec** **2019**

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Preliminary Results

**30th Nov** **2019**

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Registrations Close

**16th Dec** **2019**

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Finals Registration Starts

**1st Dec** **2019**

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Voting phase starts

**10th Jan** **2020**

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Finals Registration Ends

**14th Dec** **2019**

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Voting phase ends

**18th Jan** **2020**

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Grand Finale at Bengaluru





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