

PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL

Civil Service Debate Competition 2015

Annex A

Rules and Regulations

1. The medium of communication will be English language.
2. Each team will consist of three members but will be represented by any two of them at every debate.
3. Each debating team will consist of a first speaker (main proposer or opposer) and a second speaker who will have to rebut the arguments from the opposing side.
4. Each team will have to choose a team leader among the three participants.

5. Speakers make their presentation in the following order and according to the time limit

-First speaker -*Proposition team* -Constructive -7 minutes

-First speaker -*Opposition team* -Constructive -7 minutes

-Second speaker -*Opposition team* -Rebuttal -5 minutes

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-First speaker -*Opposition team* -Summing up -3 minutes

-Second speaker -*Proposition team* -Summing up -3 minutes

6. A timekeeper will inform speakers one minute before their time is over. No speaker will be allowed to speak beyond the time allotted to him or her.
7. A team which fails to appear on time as per the scheduled debate according to the fixtures will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition. The other team will be declared winner by walk-over.

8. When the debate is over, the Chairperson/Moderator will invite the panel of adjudicators (3 in number) to retire for deliberation.
9. During the jury's deliberation, the Chairperson/Moderator will open the debate to the floor
10. After deliberation the Chairperson of the adjudicating panel will announce the results and make whatever brief comments he/she deems fit.
11. After confirming the results, the Chairperson/Moderator will then close the debate.
12. The decision of the adjudicating panel will be final and binding.
13. The members of the POWC as well as the Gender Unit of the Ministry of Gender Equality, Family Welfare and Child Development will be debarred from participating in the competition.