



Canonsphere

Presents

Vocal Fest 2025

Rule Book



27th, 28th & 29th June '25

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Canon Sphere will conduct on (date to be decided). The fest will comprise primarily of four major events: Debate Competition; Extempore Speech Competition; Case Law Narration Competition; Paper Presentation. The rules pertaining to both competitions are illustrated in this rulebook. The Competition shall be conducted in accordance with these rules, and all the participants shall be presumed to have read and understood the rules.

AIM AND PURPOSE

To give students a platform to hone and showcase their oratory skills and give them an opportunity to come together and exchange their ideas.

INTERPRETATION

The Organizers will have exclusive authority to interpret the rules in the interest of fairness and equality. The interpretation placed upon these Rules by the Organizers shall be conclusive, and the Organizers' decision regarding the application of these Rules shall be final.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Opening of Registration:** 10th March 2025
- **Last date of Registration:** 25th March 2025
- **Clarification Session:** 27th June 2025
- **Preliminary Rounds:** 28th June 2025
- **Semifinals and finals:** 29th June 2025
- **Result Declaration:** 29th June 2025

MODE OF THE EVENT

Online (Virtual).

Zoom Platform will be used for the conduction of the event.

DEBATE COMPETITION

“Debate: Where ideas collide and minds expand.”



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Participants must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree (BA. LL.B/ BBA LL.B/ B.Sc LL.B/ B.Com LL.B/ BA/ B.Com/ B.Tech/etc.) from any recognized university.
- Students pursuing post-graduate degrees and professionals are not eligible.

TEAM COMPOSITION:

- A team of two members must be formed.
- Both institutional and cross-institutional teams are allowed.

RULES:

- Teams shall be randomly assigned a side as either for the "***motion or against the motion***".
- '**For the motion**' teams will have to give their arguments in support of the motion raised, and '**against the motion**' teams will have to oppose it. Each team will make two speeches (one speech per member) and a rebuttal, which can be made by either of the two members of the team.

- The speakers shall not disclose their identities in any manner or form and shall only represent themselves by the team codes that will be allotted to them after a successful registration.
- The team supporting the motion must not shift its point of view. The same goes for the opposition, who must oppose the motion completely (whatever their private opinions may be).
- If a speaker makes a statement, they must be able to provide evidence or reasons to support the statement.
- Facts presented in a debate must be accurate.
- Speakers may not bring up new points in a rebuttal speech

- Use of foul or obscene language will lead to disqualification.
- No book, document or any other electronic device shall be allowed to the participant during the competition.
- Decision made by the panel of Judges will be final and binding.
- The decision taken by the Organizers shall be final.
- The participant shall keep his video on while making the speech.
- **(Failure to keep the video on will result in disqualification).**

ROUNDS

- **Preliminary Round:**
- Each team will have 5 minutes for making speeches (2 minutes per speaker and 1 minute for rebuttal). Based on the performance of this round, 20 teams will be qualified for the quarter-finals.
- **Quarter-Finals:**
- Each team shall get 8 minutes of speaking time (3 minutes and 30 seconds per speaker and 1 minute for rebuttal). Based on the performance of this round, ten teams will qualify for the semi-finals.

- **Semi-Finals:**

- Each team shall get 10 minutes of speaking time (4 minutes per speaker and 2 minutes for rebuttal). 6 best teams will qualify for the finals.

- **Finals:**

- Each team shall get 15 minutes of speaking time (6 minutes and 30 seconds per speaker and 2 minutes for rebuttal).

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION

Preliminary Round:

Does the right to privacy outweigh national security concerns?

Quarter-finals:

How should India balance global intellectual property obligations with public health needs?

Semi-finals:

The role of corporate social responsibility (CSR) in shaping India's legal and economic landscape.

Finals:

Legal safeguards against misuse of anti-terrorism laws in the context of religious minorities

JUDGING CRITERIA

S. No.	MARKING CRITERIA	POINTS ALLOTTED
1	CONTENT/SUBSTANCE	25
2	ORATORY SKILLS	25
3	PRESENTATION SKILLS	25
4	CLARITY OF THOUGHT	25
	TOTAL	100

EXTEMPORE SPEECH COMPETITION



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Participants must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree (BA. LL.B/ BBA LL.B/ B.Sc LL.B/ B.Com LL.B/ BA/ B.Com/ B.Tech/etc.) from any recognized university.
- Students pursuing post-graduate degrees and professionals are not eligible.

RULES:

- Extempore competition shall be individual competition
- Each participant shall be randomly assigned a topic to speak on.
- No preparation time shall be given. 1 minute shall be given to the participant to gather their thoughts post-allotment of the topic.
- The delivery style shall be conversational, oratorical, or a combination of both. The use of dramatic style shall lead to disqualification.

ROUNDS

Preliminary Round

The time limit for the speeches during the preliminary round is 4 minutes. Fifteen participants will qualify for the semi-finals based on their performance.

Semi - Finals

The participants shall get 6 minutes to make their speeches during the semi-finals. The five best participants shall qualify for the finals

Finals

The time limit for speeches during the final round shall be 7 to 8 minutes.

THEME FOR COMPETITION

**SOCIO-
CONTEMPORARY
ISSUES**



NOTE:

The topics for the competition will be revealed on the day of the competition and you will be required to speak on the said topic on the spot.

ROUNDS

Preliminary Round

The time limit for the speeches during the preliminary round is 4 minutes. Fifteen participants will qualify for the semi-finals based on their performance.

Semi-Finals

The participants shall get 6 minutes to make their speeches during the semi-finals. The five best participants shall qualify for the finals.

Finals

The time limit for speeches during the final round shall be 7 to 8 minutes.

JUDGING CRITERIA

The participants shall be judged on the following parameters:

S. No.	MARKING CRITERIA	POINTS ALLOTTED
1	CONTENT AND ORGANISATION	25
2	DELIVERY AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS	25
3	LANGUAGE AND EXPRESSION	25
4	STAGE PRESENCE AND TIME MANAGEMENT	25
	TOTAL	100

PAPER PRESENTATION



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Participants must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree (BA. LL.B/ BBA LL.B/ B.Sc LL.B/ B.Com LL.B/ LLB 3 years course etc.) from any recognized university.

RULES:

ABSTRACT GUIDELINES:

- The abstract must be developed on an A4 sheet in Word Document Format typed in Times New Roman in 12 font size with 1.5 line spacing in not more than 300 words. It should not contain more than eight keywords.
- The abstract should contain personal details of the author(s) in the order:
Title of the Paper,
Name, Designation, Institute/University /College/Organization, Contact Number, E-mail, and Address of Correspondence of the Author(s).

NOTE:

- Kindly indicate the name of the main author for correspondence cases of more than one author.
- Acceptance of the Abstract will be communicated via E-mail.

FULL PAPER GUIDELINES:

- The **word limit** of the paper shall be 3000-6000 words (exclusive of footnotes).
- The main text of the full paper should be in Times New Roman with a **font size of 12 and a line spacing of 1.5.**
- The **footnotes** should be in Times New Roman, font size 10, with spacing of 1.0 (Endnotes are not permitted).
- One-inch **margins** should be maintained on all four sides of the pages.
- **Citation Style:** Bluebook, 20th edition.
- Full papers have to be submitted in **(Word) .docx format.**
- The **submission** of the full paper shall be carried out through the form link provided by us after the acceptance of the abstract.

- The participants are also required to submit their full paper in the registration form.
- Registration is mandatory upon acceptance of the abstract. The link to the registration form will be shared via email with the selected participants.
- No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last date of submission.
- Only the selected abstracts will be permitted for presentation.
- **Co-authorship** is permitted to a maximum of two authors and at least one author must attend the Conference to present the paper.
- All submissions must be the author's original and unpublished work.
- More than **15% similarity** will attract immediate **disqualification.**

THEME FOR COMPETITION

"Legal dimensions of space
exploration and
commercialisation"



NOTE:

**TOP 5 RESERACH PAPERS WILL BE
PUBLISHED ON THE CANONSPHERE WEBSITE.**

JUDGING CRITERIA

S.No.	MARKING CRITERIA	POINTS ALLOTTED
1	RESEARCH PAPER	60
2	PRESENTATION	20
3	PRESENTING SKILLS	20
	TOTAL	100

CASE LAW NARRATION



SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

Participants must be currently pursuing an undergraduate degree (BA LL.B/ BBA LL.B/ B.Com LL.B/ LL.B. 3 year course/ B.Sc. LL.B. etc.) from any recognized university.

RULES:

- The organizing committee will provide a case file in advance, containing all relevant legal issues to be addressed.
- The competition will consist of Preliminary, Semi-final, and Final rounds, depending on the number of participating teams.

- Participants must support their arguments with relevant case laws, statutes, and legal principles.
- Each team must submit a written memorial outlining their arguments before the competition deadline. Late submissions may lead to penalties.
- The competition will be conducted in English.
- The use of electronic devices is prohibited during oral arguments unless permitted by the organizing committee.
- Participants must maintain decorum and adhere to professional ethics. Any misconduct may lead to disqualification.
- Teams may raise objections during the opponent's argument, but the final decision on objections lies with the judges.

- Exceeding the allotted time may result in score deductions at the discretion of the judges.
- The scoring will be out of 100, with different weightage for presentation, legal knowledge, argument structure, and rebuttal performance.
- Participants must use legally recognized precedents; any misrepresentation of case laws may lead to disqualification.
- Teams with the lowest scores in the preliminary rounds will be eliminated.
- The decision of the judges will be final and binding, with no scope for appeal.

ROUNDS

Preliminary Round

- 16 participants will qualify for the Quarter-Finals.
- Each participant has 5 minutes to present their case law.

Quarter- Finals

- 16 participants will compete.
- Top 8 participants will qualify for the Semi-Finals.
- Each participant has 7 minutes to present their case law.

Semi-Finals

- 8 participants will compete.
- Top 6 participants will qualify for the Finals.
- Each participant has 10 minutes to present their case law.

Finals

- 6 participants will compete.
- Top 3 participants will be awarded prizes.
- Each participant has 12 minutes to present their case law.

THEME FOR THE COMPETITION

Preliminary Round

**BANDHUA MUKTI MORCHA V. UNION OF
INDIA (1984)
OR
MANEKA GANDHI V. UNION OF INDIA
(1978)**

Quarter- Finals

**TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES LTD
V.CYRUS INVESTMENT PVT. LTD. (2021)**

Semi-Finals

**APPLE INC. V. SAMSUNG
ELECTRONICS CO. (2012)**

Finals

**JUSTICE K.S. PUTTASWAMY AND ORS.
V. UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. (2017)
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JUDGING CRITERIA

S.NO	MARKING CRITERIA	POINTS ALLOTED
1	Knowledge of Law & Legal Principles	20
2	Argument Structure & Clarity	15
3	Presentation & Court Mannerisms	15
4	Response to Judges' Questions	15
5	Rebuttals & Counterarguments	10
6	Time Management	10
7	Written Memorials	15
	TOTAL	100

PRIZES & REWARDS

Debate Competition

- Winner :-
- Rs.4000 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Runner-Up:-
- Rs.1500 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Second Runner-Up:- Gift hamper

Extempore Competition

- Winner :-Rs.3000 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Runner-Up:-Rs.1000 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Second Runner-Up:- Gift hamper

PRIZES & REWARDS

Case law Narration

- Winner :-Rs.4000 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Runner-Up:-Rs.1500 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Second Runner-Up:- Gift hamper

Paper Presentation

- Winner :-Rs.3000 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Runner-Up:-Rs.1000 + Trophy + certificate of appreciation
- Second Runner-Up:- Gift hamper

Participants can take part in ONLY ONE of the following four competitions: Debate Competition, Extempore Speech Competition, Paper presentation competition & Case Law Narration Competition.

Other Perks:

- Participants will be eligible for discount coupons on next **Canonsphere** Events.
- Participants will be eligible for discount coupons on **dreamlaw** courses.
- Participants will be eligible for discount coupons on **innovation law school** courses.

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

- Participants will have to register through the given link or SCAN QR code
- Payment must be made using the payment link.
- Proof of payment must be uploaded in the registration form before submitting it.

REGISTRATION

FEEES:

- Debate Competiton - 1000 (team only)
- Extempore - 300 (individual only)
- Caselaw narration competition - 800 (individuals or team participation)
- Paper Presentation Competition - 400 (co-authorship allowed)

QR Code for Registration

"To avail the Registration form kindly scan the QR code"



OR

Link of Register Form

[CLICK HERE](#)

PAYMENT DETAILS

Payment must be made using the given link only. No request for payment through any other means shall be accepted.

Proof of payment must be uploaded in the registration form after payment.

Account Number- 50100719791974

Account Holder- Manya Harit

Bank Name -HDFC Bank

Branch Garh Road - Meerut

IFSC Code - HDFC0001911

OR

UPI ID-9152958951@pz

OR **SCAN THIS QR CODE:**



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