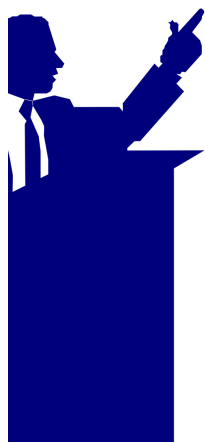


Invitation Letter



Singapore International Debating and Public Speaking Championship 2025

SIDPSC: Voices Without Borders

Welcome to the inaugural SIDPSC

PURPOSE: The Singapore International Debate and Public Speaking Championship (SIDPSC) is a non-profit event designed to provide high school students across Asia and beyond with another world-class competitive platform. SIDPSC seeks to foster a global community of debaters and speakers, while showcasing Singapore as a hub for international dialogue and collaboration.

QUALIFIER: SIDPSC will proudly serve as a qualifier to the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) for Singapore students. The World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) is a prestigious annual event that gathers outstanding high school students from around the world.

The top 15 Singapore students in the Championship will earn their spot to join the Singapore Team training with a potential chance of competing in WIDPSC 2026, subject to organizers' discretion and competitor quotas.

Dates: November 8-9th, 2025

Venue: Online via ZOOM



Championship Break: SIDPSC will use a fixed top one-third break with a natural break principle. This means advancement to Finals may be determined by a top third Break, where one-third of competitors progress (e.g., 30 of 90), or by a natural break, where judges advance all competitors who are clearly ahead in the score distribution, even if that number is slightly more or less than one-third—ensuring both consistency and fairness.

Speaker Awards

- All Grand-Finalist speakers in each category will be recognized.
- Top 15 speakers overall (based on the preliminary rounds) will be recognized.
- Top 10 Singapore speakers (based on the preliminary rounds) will be recognized.

Prizes:

- All speakers will receive a participation e-certificate. In addition, finalist speakers will receive an additional certificate for their achievement.
- Grand-Finalists, as well as the Overall Champion of SIDPSC, will be named in the SIDPSC Hall of Fame.
- Engraved medals are available and can be mailed to winners who opt to cover the postage fee.

Eligibility & Representation:

- SIDPSC is open to all Secondary/ High school students globally. Anyone may compete in the event.
- Representation for Singapore: Only Singapore citizens, Permanent Residents, or students attending schools in Singapore (including non-Singapore citizens and PRs enrolled in Singapore schools) are eligible to represent Singapore in the event or qualify for the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC) Singapore Team.

Registration Fees: \$100 SGD per speaker



Judge Requirement:

All registered speakers will be required to pay \$20 SGD as a judge fee. In addition, the judge requirement for this tournament is N/2 rounded up:

Registering 1 speaker = Must provide 1 judge

Registering 2 speakers = Must provide 1 judge

Registering 3 speakers = Must provide 2 judges

Judges must be 18+ and comfortable with English. Experience is welcome but is not necessary, as the OrgComm will present a briefing on judging prior to the rounds.

However, if you provide a judge that is a teacher, club sponsor, or even a parent with public speaking experience, then the \$20 SGD fee will be waived -- in the case where a judge is representing two speakers (as per the N/2 rule), the \$20 SGD fee will be refunded to both speakers.

Registration Link:

<https://forms.gle/3Wsw85QANAMDNFdj9>

Registration Deadline: 18th of October or when we reach our cap.

SCHEDULE (Provisional): The schedule has preliminary rounds on Saturday, November 8th, all final events on Sunday, November 9th (GMT+8)

Day 1	
Asia (GMT+8 – Sat, Nov 8)	Event
7:45 AM	Registration & Roll Call
8:15 AM	Welcome Announcements
8:30 AM	Debate Briefing



8:50 AM	Debate 1 Matchups
9:00 AM	Debate 1 Topic Release
9:10 AM	Judges Roll Call and Briefing
9:45 AM	Debate 1
10:45 AM	Break
11:15 AM	Debate 2 Matchups
11:25 AM	Debate 2 Topic Release
12:10 PM	Debate 2
1:10 PM	Break
1:45 PM	Welcome Back & Prepared Speaking Briefing
2:00 PM	Persuasive Speaking / After Dinner
3:20 PM	Reading Briefing
3:40 PM	Reading
5:00 PM	Break



5:30 PM	Impromptu Briefing
5:50 PM	Impromptu Speaking
7:00 PM	Break
7:30 PM	Finalist Announcement

Day 2	
Asia (GMT+8 – Sun, Nov 9)	Event
8:15 AM	Debate Semi-Finals Briefing
8:25 AM	Debate Semi-Finals Matchups
8:35 AM	Debate Semi-Finals Topic Release
8:40 AM	Judges Roll Call and Briefing
9:20 AM	Debate Semi-Finals
10:05 AM	Persuasive / After-Dinner Finals Briefing
10:15 AM	Persuasive / After-Dinner Finals
11:45 AM	Reading Finals Briefing



11:55 AM	Reading Finals
1:25 PM	Impromptu Finals Briefing
1:35 PM	Impromptu Finals
2:35 PM	Debate Grand Final Briefing
2:45 PM	Debate Grand Final Matchups
3:00 PM	Debate Grand Final Topic Release
3:10 PM	Judges Roll Call and Briefing
3:45 PM	Debate Grand Final
4:30 PM	Awards & Closing Ceremony

EVENTS: All competitors will compete in category A. Debate will happen in randomly assigned AP teams. Finals will be held on Sunday. See categories below:

Ex: Debate (required), Impromptu (required), Interpretive Reading (required), Persuasive Speaking (option), After-Dinner Speaking (option)

Category	Event(s)	Requirement
Category A	Parliamentary Debate	✓ All must compete in this event.



Category A	Impromptu Speaking	✓ All must compete in this event.
Category A	Interpretive Reading	✓ All must compete in this event.
Category B	Persuasive Speaking / After-Dinner Speaking	✓ All must choose one of the two options.

Persuasive Speaking

Length	6–8 minutes
Purpose	Persuade the audience on a serious, contemporary topic of interest
Content Requirements	• Must clearly identify both a problem and a solution(s) • Speakers may choose how much time to devote to each, but both must be included
Style & Approach	• Any speaking style or structure allowed - Overall aim must be persuasive • Logical reasoning, credible evidence, and audience engagement are expected
Delivery	• Judges tend to prefer memorized speeches • You are not allowed to use a script • However, speakers may use one double-sided note card (10cm x 14cm) as a prompt



After-dinner Speaking

Length	5–7 minutes
Purpose	To entertain while also informing, in the style of a speech delivered from the top table at a formal dinner
Content Requirements	• The speaker must choose a specific audience (e.g. a company, society, or group of diners) • Judges will assume the role of this chosen audience • The speech must connect meaningfully to that audience
Style & Approach	• Use of wit and humour is encouraged • A routine of one-liners or stand-up comedy is not acceptable • The speech should contain an underlying moral point, critique, or commentary
Delivery	• Speeches must be memorised - One single cue card may be used

Interpretive Reading

Length	6–8 minutes
Purpose	To demonstrate skill in reading and interpreting a piece of literature aloud
Content Requirements	• Competitors select a passage of prose or poetry with genuine literary merit • The text must not be the competitor's own work • Plays, non-fiction texts, and (auto)biographies are not permitted



Introduction	• Up to 1 minute may be used to introduce the chosen passage • The introduction can be placed at the beginning or any other point during the performance • The introduction should help the audience and judges connect with the reading
Delivery	• The text must be read from print, not memorised • Assessment focuses on vocal delivery and the competitor's interpretation of the author's intention

Parliamentary Debating

Speaking Times & Order	• First Proposition: 6 minutes • First Opposition: 6 minutes • Second Proposition: 9 minutes • Second Opposition: 9 minutes • Opposition Reply: 3 minutes • Proposition Reply: 3 minutes
Format	• Contestants partner with someone from another school • Teams are assigned to propose or oppose a motion • Motions are released 45 minutes before the debate begins



Preparation	- Teams must spend no more than 10 minutes agreeing on a definition - Remaining time is for building arguments and strategy - Definitional challenges and parallel debates must be avoided
Assessment Criteria	- Quality of arguments and rebuttals - Structure and organisation of speeches - Clarity, persuasiveness, and speaking style - Strategic deployment of arguments
Rules for POIs (Points of Information)	- POIs may be offered throughout the debate - Protected time: first and last minute of 6- and 9-minute speeches (no POIs then) - No POIs allowed during 3-minute reply speeches - Barracking (aggressive interruptions) is strictly discouraged

Impromptu Speaking

Topic Selection	- Each competitor draws three unseen topics at random - Topics may be: a word, phrase, short statement, proverb, aphorism, or quotation
Preparation	2 minutes of preparation time - Notes may be made but must be left on the desk during the speech - The topic list may be held while speaking



Delivery	• Speech length: 3–5 minutes • Speech must be spontaneous and not memorized • It must not be copied from other candidates or from Persuasive/After dinner speech • Any style or format is acceptable (serious or humorous)
Assessment Criteria	• Strong structure and coherence • Meaningful, relevant content • Ability to think on one's feet and adapt ideas quickly
Additional Rule	• The topic may be identified explicitly or implicitly during the speech • The chairperson will announce the chosen topic at the end of the performance

FORMAT (WIDPSC Compliance):

Category	Time	Compliance
Debate	6 min / 9 min / 3 min	WIDPSC Compliant
After-Dinner Speaking	5 – 7 min	WIDPSC Compliant
Persuasive Speaking	6 – 8 min	WIDPSC Modified
Interpretive Reading	6 – 8 min	WIDPSC Modified
Impromptu Speaking	3 – 5 min (2 min prep)	WIDPSC Compliant

Additional information regarding the event categories will be provided to all participants (coaches, speakers, and judges) through several comprehensive briefings throughout the tournament.



Thank you for your interest in this inaugural SIDPSC. Please follow our Facebook and IG for updates and helpful resources for SIDPSC.

Facebook



IG



If you have questions, email us at **2025SIDPSC@gmail.com**

We look forward to welcoming you to SIDPSC 2025!

Sincerely,

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Message to Schools

Dear Debate and Public Speaking Community Members,

It is with great pleasure that we invite your esteemed institution to participate in the inaugural Singapore International Debate and Public Speaking Championship (SIDPSC), a non-profit event proudly organized by ROGA Academy. This championship will convene talented young speakers from across the world and will also serve as the official national qualifier for the Singapore delegation to the World Individual Debating and Public Speaking Championships (WIDPSC). The WIDPSC is one of the most prestigious global events for high school students, bringing together exceptional debaters and public speakers from countries around the world each year to compete across multiple categories. Read more about WIDPSC [here](#).

About the Event:

- How to Register: Please refer to the official invitation letter attached for full event details; the registration link and key participation details are included therein.
- Date: November 8-9th, 2025
- Venue: Online via Zoom

Why Join?

- National Pathway: Top local participants will have the opportunity to represent Singapore at WIDPSC on the international stage. To learn more about WIDSPC, please see here:
- Compete at an international standard and gain exposure to global perspectives.
- Build essential skills in argumentation, communication, and leadership.
- Join a vibrant community of debaters, speakers, and educators committed to excellence.
- Celebrate achievement — top students and schools will be recognized in the SIDPSC Hall of Fame.

We would be honoured to welcome your school to SIDPSC 2025 and look forward to your participation in this milestone event. Please follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates and helpful resources for SIDPSC.

Stay tuned as we will be sharing the Speaking Category Briefing on our Facebook and Instagram soon.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at 2025sidpsc@gmail.com.

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