



SLC

DEBATE

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A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. The SLC Debate Tournament is an interschool debate competition organized by Colegio Salcantay. Its second edition will take place on Saturday, June 21, and Sunday, June 22, 2025, on campus at Colegio Salcantay (Av. Pio XII 261, Santiago de Surco – Lima, Peru).
2. The tournament will follow the World Schools Debating Championship (WSDC) format and will include two categories: English and Spanish.
3. Public and private schools from across Peru may participate. Teams can be formed by students from any year of high school or pre-university programs (IB, French Baccalaureate, Italian system, etc.).
4. Each school may register only one team per category (English and Spanish).
5. Each team must consist of 3 to 5 students, and 1 to 2 coaches or advisors.
6. The same coach(es) may support both teams if the school registers in both categories.
7. No adjudicator registration is required.
8. Participation in this tournament is free of charge.
9. Participation adds points to the 2025 WSDC National School Debate Rankings, organized by the Liga Peruana de Debate Escolar (LPDE).
10. The Salcantay Debate Team will not compete but will serve as a swing team (a substitute team in case of no-shows).



B. TEAM REGISTRATION

11. Registration is open until May 10 or until all spots are filled. Schools that pre-registered will have priority if the tournament reaches capacity.
12. Capacity: 24 teams for Spanish and 10 teams for English.
13. To register, complete the following form:
 - <https://forms.gle/KTH6m5cwLs79w6s8A>
14. Corrections to team members may be made as follows:
 - If replacing the entire team, complete a new form and notify the organizers by email.
 - If only some members are changing, inform the changes by email (no need to complete a new form).
15. The mail to send the requirement is **slcdebate@salcantay.edu.pe** under the subject: TEAM CHANGE

C. ROUNDS AND SCHEDULE

16. The Spanish category consists of 6 rounds: 3 preliminary rounds and 3 elimination rounds (quarterfinals, semifinals, and final).
17. The English category consists of 5 rounds: 3 preliminary rounds and 2 elimination rounds (semifinals and final), due to a smaller expected number of teams.
18. Regardless of results, all participants will debate in the 3 preliminary rounds. The teams with the highest number of wins (8 in Spanish and 4 in English) will advance to the elimination stage.
19. In case of a tie, total speaker scores will be used to break the tie. If the tie persists, head-to-head results will be considered. If still unresolved, the standard deviation of speaker scores will be used as a final tie-breaker.
20. Team pairings for preliminary rounds will follow the Swiss pairing system, using TabbyCat, the tabulation software used in international school and university-level debate tournaments.
21. In silent or closed rounds (Round 3 and all elimination rounds), no feedback will be provided.

22. The tournament schedule can be viewed in the table below:

Day 1 – SATURDAY JUNE 21

TIME	ACTIVITY
07:15 AM – 08:00 AM	Participant check-in
08:00 AM – 08:30 AM	Opening Ceremony
08:30 AM – 08:45 AM	Round 1 Instructions
08:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Round 1 (prepared with feedback)
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Round 2 Instructions
10:45 AM – 01:30 PM	Round 2 (impromptu with feedback)
01:30 PM – 03:00 PM	Lunch Break
03:00 PM – 03:15 PM	Round 3 Instructions
03:15 PM – 04:30 PM	Ronda 3 (prepared, no feedback)
04:30 PM – 05:30 PM	Recess (integration activity)
05:30 PM – 06:00 PM	Break Announcement (Quarterfinalists*)
06:00 PM – 07:30 PM	Quarterfinals (prepared, no feedback)
07:30 PM – 08:00 PM	Instructions for Day 2 – Semifinals Announcement

**English category goes directly to semifinals.*

Day 2 – SUNDAY JUNE 22

TIME	ACTIVITY
07:45 AM – 08:30 AM	Participant check-in
08:30 AM – 08:45 AM	Semifinals Instructions
08:45 AM – 10:30 AM	Semifinals (prepared, no feedback)
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Finals Instructions
10:45 AM – 12:30 PM	Final Round (prepared, no feedback)
12:30 PM – 01:30 PM	Closing Ceremony & Awards

23. At the end of Day 1, teams going to semifinal rounds on Day 2 will be announced.

D. MOTIONS

24. There will be prepared and impromptu motions. Only Round 2 will be impromptu.
25. For prepared rounds, teams will receive their side and opponent 15 minutes before the debate.
26. For the impromptu round, the motion, side, and opponent will be released 45 minutes before the round.
27. Use of electronic devices is strictly prohibited once prep time begins. Communication with coaches during prep is not allowed.
28. Teams may use printed materials (dictionaries, calendars, articles, etc.) during preparation.
29. Questions regarding motions can be sent to: slcdebate@salcantay.edu.pe
Subject: MOTION CLARIFICATION

E. DEBATE Y JUECES

30. Each debate includes 3 speakers per team. Therefore, if a team has registered 4 or 5 members, one or two of them will not participate in that round.
However, the coach may rotate speakers in the following round, replacing one team member with another. These changes can be made as many times as needed.
31. Teams only debate against others within the same category. Debates in both categories (Spanish and English) will take place in parallel.
32. The debate format used will be WSDC (World Schools Debating Championship), without any modifications.
33. For more information, you may consult the WSDC Judge & Speaker Manual available [[HERE](#)].
34. A virtual training session will be provided for participants on Wednesday, June 11, from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM. The link will be sent to all registered schools.
35. During the debate, teams may not use any electronic devices, except for a timer.
36. Visual aids such as posters, photos, or PowerPoint slides are not allowed to support speeches during the debate.
37. Electronic devices may not be used during the debate under any circumstances.

- 38. There are no ties, and the judges' decisions are final.
- 39. Judges will be appointed by the Peruvian School Debate League (LPDE) and will be university students and/or professionals with experience as debaters and adjudicators.
- 40. LPDE will provide training and conduct an evaluation process to ensure that the most qualified adjudicator serves as the chair judge in each room.
- 41. The tournament guarantees the presence of 1 to 2 judges per room in the preliminary rounds, and 2 to 3 judges per room in the elimination rounds.

F. WINNERS AND AWARDS

- 42. All teams, regardless of their results, will receive a digital certificate of participation.
- 43. In both categories, awards will be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. The 3rd place award will go to the semifinalist team that did not reach the final but obtained the highest cumulative speaker scores in the semifinal round.
- 44. The Top 10 speakers of each category will also be awarded.
- 45. Only debaters who participate in all 3 preliminary rounds will be eligible for individual speaker awards.
- 46. If the English category has 8 or fewer teams, the organizing committee reserves the right not to award 3rd place and/or reduce the number of speaker awards in that category.
- 47. To promote participation from schools outside of Lima, the tournament will include a special recognition: the "Best Regional Team" award. This distinction will be granted to the best-performing team from outside the capital, regardless of category.

G. DISPOSICIONES FINALES

- 48. Any situation not covered in these guidelines will be resolved by the Organizing Committee.
- 49. The Organizing Committee is composed of the coaches and teachers of the Salcantay Debate Team, along with academic team members selected by the Peruvian School Debate League (LPDE).
- 50. Any questions or concerns may be directed to: slcdebate@salcantay.edu.pe