



**FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEBATING AND SPEAKING COMPETITION  
ALEF PERETZ 2018**

**RULES OF THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEBATE AND SPEAKING  
COMPETITION – ALEF PERETZ 2018**

**1. AIMS**

Our competition aims at:

- Valuing both the debate and the speech as a subject for individual development.
- Developing argumentation skills.
- Motivating and valuing team work.
- Interacting with other schools in São Paulo, in Brazil and from other countries.
- Discussing polemic issues, fostering the development of critical thinking and opinion formation.
- Developing practical opportunities for students to enhance leadership skills.

**2. LOCATION, ACCOMODATION AND MEALS**

All debates of the **FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEBATE AND SPEAKING COMPETITION – ALEF PERETZ 2018** will take place at Alef Peretz school, Rua Angelina Maffei Vita, 450 – Jardim Paulistano, São Paulo – SP. CEP 01455-070. We are located at Clube Hebraica.

We will recommend hotels in the vicinity but the registration is the responsibility of the participants. The list of recommended hotels can be found in the link “hotels”.

There are several restaurants at the Club, where the participants can have their meals, at their own expenses.

**3. PARTICIPATION**



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Schools from Brazil and abroad are welcome to register their teams to take part in the competition.

The students from 8th grade to high school are eligible to participate in the competition.

The teams will be formed by 3 to 5 students and they may be a mix of different grades.

There is no maximum number of teams per school.

Each school must send at least one chaperone.

The maximum number of teams in the competition is 32 and the minimum is 16. The registrations will be open until March 30<sup>th</sup> or until all the 32 vacancies are taken.

#### 4. TOPICS

The topics for the debates will be released on the website 20 days prior to the beginning of the competition.

At the time of the debate, one team will choose one envelope containing the theme and the other team will get an envelope containing “affirmative” or “negative” to define the teams’ positions.

The topic of the final debate will be announced only at the end of the semi-final.

#### 5. FORMAT

All debates will be in English Language.

The format of the **FIRST INTERNATIONAL DEBATING AND SPEAKING COMPETITION – ALEF PERETZ 2018** is 3 to 5 students in each team and only two teams in each debate.

The competition will be organized in groups. The groups will be decided by a draw on the first day of the competition.

During the debate, only 3 members of the team will speak. The other members may take notes and help their teams.



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At the beginning of the debate, the teams announce who will be speaking at that debate. They may not communicate to anyone but their team members.

The team members might take turns to speak each debate.

The debate will have the following format, alternating the teams. There will be a draw to choose which team goes first.

- 4 minutes each team for initial argumentation of the theme.
- 4 minutes for argumentation.
- 4 minutes for rebuttal.
- 3 minutes for conclusion.

Each team will debate twice or three times on the first round, depending on the number of participants and they will be given points by the adjudicators. The points of the 4 debates will be added up. At the end of the first round, the winner of each group will continue in the competition. The following rounds for these teams will be knockout.

## 6. ADJUDICATION

The adjudicators will be teachers from Alef Peretz and / or invited teachers, who will follow the criteria in the link “[Debate Adjudication Criteria](#)”.

There will be 3 adjudicators for each debate. They will follow the criteria document and the total score given by each adjudicator will be added up to calculate the total points for each team. The team with higher points is the winner of that debate.

At the end of each debate, the adjudicators will meet and sum up the points. The winners will be announced right after.

In case of a tied result, the points as described in the item “conclusion” will be used as tie-breaker.

Offenses will not be allowed during the debates. The team of the offender might be eliminated from the competition.

The debaters are not allowed to read any notes during the debate.

The final classification will be announced on May 1st, during the closing ceremony, at 4pm.



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**7. PRIZE**

The winner team will be awarded R\$1000 in a gift card from a bookstore (Livraria Cultura, FNAC or another one).

The second place will be awarded books.

The third place will be awarded books.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

**8. IMPROMPTU SPEAKING**

The registration fee allows the students who are interested to take part in the impromptu speaking competition. It will take place at some intervals of the debates.

This is an individual task.

The students who are interested will receive the instructions on how to proceed at the opening ceremony of the event.

**8.1 RULES FOR IMPROMPTU SPEAKING**

Each speaker will receive a topic and will have 5 minutes to prepare the speech.

Competitors might sit or stand while preparing and may make notes. However, these may not be used during the speech.

Each speaker will have 3 to 5 minutes to speak, with 15 seconds grace on either side. There is no advantage related to length of speaking to the maximum permissible times.

Deviations outside the 15 seconds grace will incur time penalty marks.



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**8.2 ADJUDICATION OF IMPROMPTU SPEAKING**

Adjudication will be according to the criteria in the link “Impromptu Speaking Adjudication Criteria”.

There will be a panel of 3 adjudicators, who will evaluate the speech. The points of the three adjudicators will be added up.

The winners will be announced and awarded at the closing ceremony.

**8.3 PRIZES OF IMPROMPTU SPEAKING**

The first place will be awarded books.