

Nanke Invitational Forensics Tournament



Greetings Speech and Debate coaches, Judges and Participants!

It is our utmost pleasure, on behalf of the International Bilingual School at Tainan Science Park (IBST), to invite you to **2026 Nanke Invitational Forensics Tournament (NIFTy)**.

We hope you will join us on **Saturday March 7th and Sunday March 8th** for a weekend of great debate, speech, food, and fun!

This year's tournament will include multiple individual and partner speech events, as well as **Modified World School Parliamentary Debate**. Schools may submit teams of students competing from middle school and above.

Speech participants must pay a tournament fee of **\$1100 NT** while Debate participants must pay a tournament fee of **\$1300 NT** which will cover the cost of Lunch on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as all trophies, medals, and judges' appreciation. While teams can be submitted through online application form as soon as possible, fee payment can be made in cash after arriving at IBST on **Saturday, March 7th**.

In addition, schools must provide one judge for two debate teams or one judge for every team of 5 speech competitors (See Section C for Judge requirements). Otherwise, schools must provide an additional fee of 1000NT per missing judge.

Speech competitors will NOT be able to compete in Debate due to schedule conflicts. ALL SPEECHES AND PERFORMANCES MUST BE ORIGINAL WORKS. Speech events include **Duo Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking, and Editorial Commentary**. Grade 7-9 will be considered as Junior Varsity (JV) and Grade 10-12 will be considered as Varsity. (see [Attachment 1](#))

Debate: If the participant is competing in Debate, then the participant can NOT compete in speech events due to schedule conflicts. Debate will be divided into Novice and Open debaters. (see [Attachment 2](#))

More information can be found at [ibst_nifty](#) at instagram.

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A. Tentative schedule:

Saturday March 7		
9:30-9:50 am	Registration –3 rd F Auditorium	
9:50-10:00 am	Welcome and Briefing –3 rd F Auditorium	
10:00-11:00 am	Round 1 Speech Varsity	10:00-12:00 pm Round 1 Debate
11:00-12:00 pm	Round 1 Speech JV	
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch – 1 st Floor Assembly Area	
1:00-2:00 pm	Round 2 Speech Varsity	1:00-3:00 pm Round 2 Debate
2:00-3:00 pm	Round 2 Speech JV	
3:00-4:00 pm	Round 3 Speech Varsity	3:00-5:00 pm Round 3 Debate
4:00-5:00 pm	Round 3 Speech JV	
Sunday March 8		
8:30-9:00am	Arrival	
9:00-11:00am	Round 4 Debate	
11:00-11:30am	Break Announcement	
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch – 1 st Floor Assembly Area	
12:30-2:30pm	Novice and Open Semi-Finals	
2:30-4:30pm	Novice and Open Finals	
4:30-5:00pm	Awards Ceremony - 3 rd F Auditorium	

B. Team Entry

The registration **deadline** is **February 24th**. By February 24th, all participants must have registered for their chosen events.

(a) To register teams or individual students for **Speech**, please fill in the online application form: <https://forms.gle/a13T2Yc9LrDMRQ9u6>

(b) To register teams or judges for **Debate**, please fill in the Phase 1 form (<https://forms.gle/vhbYbaUGmN5y5N9b9>). For teams, only the institution representative or team captains need to fill it in. Note that Phase 1 form is due **February 14th!!!** Once your team representative has filled out form 1, please proceed to fill out Phase 2 form(due February 24th) (<https://forms.gle/eBUe3QiE8dSjHRMo8>).

Speech	Debate Phase 1	Debate Phase 2
		

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C. Judge Requirements

Speech:

Each school must supply an adult qualified to judge for the tournament. Schools bringing more than 5 contestants must supply 2 judges. Any school bringing more than 10 participants, must supply 3 judges, etc. Judges need not have judged events previously.

Debate:

Judges must be an adult.

1 team - one judge

2 teams - one judge per 2 teams

3 teams- 2 judges

4 teams- 2 judges

5 teams- 3 judges

etc.

Every odd number requires an additional judge.

[odd number teams round up (ex. 3 teams 2 judges, 5 teams 3 judges...)]

If schools don't have enough judges, judge fee 1000 NT per judge (same number of judges apply as mentioned above i.e. 3 teams 2000NT, 5 teams 3000 NT)

Judges please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/kAtfdXTzzTAhwA9c7> by **February 14th.**

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D. Registration Fee and Payment

Each student must pay a fee of \$1100NT(speech)/ \$1300NT(debate) in order to complete. This fee will cover the cost of lunch on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as all tournament expenses.

Team fees may be paid upon registration on **Saturday, March 7th.**

E. Food and Accommodation

We will provide a list (see [Attachment 3](#)) of nearby accommodations which can accommodate all participants within a quick drive of IBST. For questions regarding booking accommodation, please contact **Alvis Lin** at activity3@ms.nnieh.tn.edu.tw for assistance. If preferred, participants can also find lodging in Tainan, and commute to IBST.

NIFTy will provide, as part of the registration fee, lunch for all judges and contestants on Saturday and Sunday. Within walking distance of the school, there is a 7-11 as well as several tea shops at the nearby Life Hub.

F. Getting to Nanke

Schools can arrive at Nanke in several ways. If they choose to take a bus, the Science Park and school offer ample parking. Schools can also take the HSR rail to Tainan (Shalun Station) and transfer to the local train headed toward Nanke (the train terminates at Nanke). Schools can also take the fast train or a bus to Tainan. A local train north goes to Nanke. From the Nanke train station, you can take a taxi, U Bike, or simply walk the 15 minutes to IBST.

G. Awards

ALL participants will receive participation certificates. In addition, the tournament will award trophies and medals to forensics winners and top debaters.

For more information regarding debate, please send email to ibstnifty@gmail.com. Any other questions like the tournament schedule, or on specifics for the different speech events can be directed to **Alvis Lin** at activity3@ms.nnieh.tn.edu.tw or at (06)505-2916#7102.

We thank you again for your continued time and support, and look forward to seeing you all in March!

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Attachment 1
2026 NIFTy Speech Event Descriptions



- (1) Duo Interpretation
- (2) Impromptu Speaking
- (3) Editorial Commentary

Speech competitors will NOT be able to compete in Debate due to schedule conflict. **ALL SPEECHES AND PERFORMANCES MUST BE ORIGINAL WORKS.** Any participants presenting speeches or performances found to be copied from existing or previously performed works will be automatically disqualified from the competition without refund.

General:

Ranking is a point-based process. Criteria for earning points are in the ballots provided.

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(1) Duo Interpretation (Duo):

Two competitors team up to deliver an **8-10-minute performance** of a script written by the performers. Using off-stage focus, competitors convey emotion and environment through the relationships and interactions between characters through a variety of performance techniques. Performances **must** also include an **introduction** written by the students to contextualize the performance and **state** the title and author. Each partner plays a key role in developing the piece's characters, relationships, plot, and more during a duo interpretation. Duo interpretation allows for students to do humorous, dramatic, or pieces that combine both into the performance. Age, maturity, and school standards should all be considered when choosing a topic for a duo interpretation. **No script is allowed on stage for this event.**

(2) Impromptu Speaking (Solo):

The impromptu speech is a **short narration** on a topic **unknown** to the contestant until right before his performance. This is a short speech with a hooking introduction, logical development, and a good conclusion. Each participant draws **three** possible topics from the bowl. The speaker has **30 seconds** to choose a subject and **1 minute** to prepare his speech. The speech is **2 minutes**; if he goes over 10 seconds or speaks for less than 2 minutes, he will be **deducted 5 points**.

An example of a prompt might be, "color affects how a person behaves."

(3) Editorial Commentary (Solo):

Editorial commentary is a scripted original speech which offers an analysis of and commentary on a current news event. The speaker must read from the manuscript and sit while delivering the speech. The time limit for this event is **between 1:45 and 2:00 minutes**. Students going under or over the time limit by more than 10 seconds will be deducted 3 speaker points. **Script is allowed for this event and should be written before the tournament begins.**

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Attachment 2
2026 NIFTy Debate Event Descriptions



Modified World Schools Parliamentary Debate

I . Rules & Guidelines

- A. Each team will consist of 3 debaters, with one team on the Proposition side and one team on the Opposition side. The speech times are listed below accordingly in the "Format" section.
- B. Devices should only be used for timing. If it is used for other purposes, it will count as cheating.
- C. Please be respectful to other debaters and your judge. If any participants feel that they have been disrespected or bullied, please bring up your concerns to the tournament organizers.
- D. Debaters will be awarded speaker awards and finalist awards on top of participation awards so please don't be discouraged if your team loses some debate rounds.

II. Format: Modified World Schools

- A. Points of Information (POIs) are allowed between the 1st and 6th minute of substantive speeches

Prep Time	30 min
Prime Minister	7 min
Leader of Opposition	7 min
Deputy Prime Minister	7 min
Deputy Leader of Opposition	7 min
Government Whip	7 min
Opposition Whip	7 min
Opposition Reply	4 min
Proposition Reply	4 min

- B. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and the results of these rounds will determine which teams break (advance to the elimination rounds and final rounds).
- C. The elimination rounds include the Semi-Finals, and the Grand Finals

III. Motions (for both Novice and Open debaters)
Motions will be given at the start of prep time before each round.

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IV. Breaking Eligibility

Novice Category

1. Debated for less than two year
2. Have not participated in more than 3 international tournaments
 - Need to fulfill both to qualify as a novice speaker
 - If ENTIRE team is composed of novice speakers, the team will qualify as a novice team

Composite teams (debaters from different countries/schools) are allowed

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Attachment 3



2026 NIFTy Hotel Info

1. E Hotel 宇田商旅 (新市區大營里陽光大道 70 號) (06)583-8999
<https://www.ehotel-tainan.com/>
2. L'arc Hotel 南科贊美酒店 (善化區成功路 252 號) (06)583-8383
<http://www.larchotel.com.tw/>
3. Sendale Hotel 新大南科大飯店 (新市區中正路 406 號) (06)589-9111
<http://www.sendale.com.tw/tainan/index.php>
4. Leader Hotel 儷達商務飯店 (新市區中興街 139 號) (06)599-1313
<https://reurl.cc/G5vzAW>
5. 巨地花園渡假莊園(新市區大營里 133 號) (06)599-0055
<http://www.gdhotel.com.tw/zh-tw>
6. Country Motel 田園別莊(善化區中正路 2 號之一) (06)583-3333
<https://www.chateau-motel.com.tw/tainan/>