

About the tournament

The AUE Debate and Public Speaking Tournament (AUEDPST) is an annual American Parliamentary Style Debating (APDA) tournament hosted by the AUE Debate Club. Participants are welcomed from a wide range of GCC and Middle Eastern universities and colleges. The tournament spans four days and includes debating and original oratory competitions. The latter is conducted in both English and Arabic. It aims to give university students from the UAE and abroad an opportunity to discuss critical issues in today's challenging world. Participating in the tournament allows students to improve critical analysis, public speaking, and negotiation skills while fostering connections with peers beyond their immediate community.

Participants are welcomed to the AUE campus on Thursday afternoon to register and attend the opening ceremony that marks the official beginning of the tournament. Four preliminary rounds are held, with eight (8) teams breaking to the quarterfinals. The first two rounds are open adjudication, enabling judges to give feedback to the debaters after each round. This allows judges to explain their decisions and advise speakers on ameliorating their performance to render the AUE tournament a constructive educational experience.

Please note that the rules followed are American Parliamentary (with slight modifications). For further information, please refer to the AUE Debate and Public Speaking Tournament rules.