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OFFICIAL COMPETITION GUIDE LINE BOOK ROUND 01



Future Voices Public Speaking & Presentation Challenge 2026

Round One – Video Submission Guidelines

Welcome to Future Voices Public Speaking & Presentation Challenge 2026!

Congratulations on taking the first step toward showcasing your voice, ideas, and leadership potential.

We are delighted to welcome you to **Round One** of the **Future Voices Public Speaking & Presentation Challenge 2026**. This competition is designed to inspire confident communicators, creative thinkers, and future leaders from schools and universities across Sri Lanka.

Round One is your opportunity to make a strong first impression. Be authentic, speak with confidence, and let your ideas shine. Remember, this is more than a competition—it's a platform to develop your communication skills, express your unique perspective, and inspire others.

Please read the guidelines carefully, follow the submission requirements, and submit your video before the deadline.

We wish you the very best and look forward to watching your outstanding presentations.

Speak with Confidence. Inspire with Impact. Lead with Purpose.

Good luck, and welcome to Future Voices 2026!

Round 1 Presentation Topics

Participants are required to select **one** of the following topics and deliver a speech within the allocated time limit.

- **What Is It Like to Be Born in Kandy?**
- **How Can We Reduce Traffic Congestion in Kandy?**
- **Nightlife in Kandy City**
- **Can Artificial Intelligence Be a Better Teacher?**
- **The Impact of Social Media on Young People**
- **Developing Emotional Intelligence**
- **Sri Lanka 2035: My Vision for the Future**

Important Notes

- Choose **only one** topic.
- The speech must be **original** and prepared by the participant.
- Speeches should be delivered in **English**.
- Each participant will have **4 minutes** to deliver their presentation.
- The presentation must be completed within the official **time limit**.
- Exceeding the **4-minute** limit may result in point deductions or disqualification at the discretion of the judging panel.
- Participants will be evaluated on **content, delivery, confidence, language proficiency, originality, and overall impact**.

Round 1 – Video Recording Guidelines

To ensure a fair and professional judging process, please follow the guidelines below when recording your Round 1 presentation.

1. Recording Method

- You may record your presentation using **Zoom** or a **mobile phone**.
- Videos can be recorded in **landscape (recommended)** orientation.
- The recording must be completed in **one continuous take** without any cuts or edits.

2. Video Quality

- Record in a **quiet, well-lit environment**.
- Ensure your **face and upper body** are clearly visible throughout the presentation.
- Position your camera at **eye level** and keep it steady.

3. Audio Quality

- Use a clear microphone or your device's built-in microphone.
- Ensure your voice is loud and clear.
- Minimize background noise and interruptions.



4.Presentation

Before starting your speech, introduce yourself by stating:

- Full Name
- University
- Competition Category – University Category

5.Dress Code

- University participants should wear **smart business attire** or **formal clothing**.

6. Editing Policy

The following are **not permitted**:

- Edited videos
- Multiple takes
- Background music
- Filters or visual effects
- AI-generated voiceovers or enhancements

7. File Requirements

Accepted formats: **MP4, MOV, or AVI**

File Name Format:

Full Name – School/University – Future Voices 2026

Example:

Nimal Perera – ABC College – Future Voices 2026.mp4

8. Submission

- **Submission Deadline: 10th August 2026** (Submissions received after this date will not be accepted.)
- Ensure your video is complete, plays correctly, and has been successfully saved.
- Send the following via **WhatsApp** to **076 555 9993**:
 - 🎥 Presentation Video
 - 📄 Presentation Slides (PowerPoint or PDF)
- In your WhatsApp message, include:
 - Full Name
 - School/University

WhatsApp Submission Number: 076 555 9993

Important: Only complete submissions received **on or before 10th August 2026** will be considered for evaluation.

Evaluation Criteria

Participants will be evaluated by the judging panel based on the following criteria:

Evaluation Criteria	Weightage
Content & Research	10%
Relevance to the Topic	15%
Communication Skills	20%
Confidence & Delivery	15%
Presentation Structure	15%
Creativity & Originality	10%
Stage Presence	10%
Time Management	5%
Total	100%

Competition Timeline Framework

Date	Activity	Description
1 st August 2026	Round 1 Registration Deadline	Final date for universities & Institutions to submit participant nominations.
1 st August 2026	Distributing Submission Links	Registered participants receive Round 1 topics, competition guidelines, and video submission instructions.
10 th August 2026	Round 1 Video Submission Deadline	Participants submit recorded speech videos & presentations through the official whatsapp 076 555 9993
11 th – 13 th August 2026	Video Evaluation Period	Judges evaluate all submitted videos based on competition criteria.
14 th August 2026	Round 1 Results & Shortlisting	Announcement of the Top Semi-Finalists.
15 th August 2026	Semi-Final Topic Distribution	Semi-Final topics and presentation guidelines were distributed to shortlisted participants.
22 August 2026	Semi-Final Round	Physical presentation competition at Jeewa Education Kandy Branch Time – 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
24 th August 2026	Grand Final Topic Distribution	Finalists receive Grand Final topics and presentation guidelines.
25 August – 4 th September 2026	Final Preparation Period	Finalists prepare presentations and supporting materials.
5 th September 2026	Grand Final Competition	Physical Grand Final at Queens Hotel, Kandy. 9.00 am – 12.00 pm
5 th September 2026	Awards & Recognition Ceremony	Winner announcement and award presentation ceremony 4.30 pm – 5.30pm Queens Hotel.



Thank You for Your Participation!

Your voice has the power to inspire, influence, and create
positive change.

We appreciate your time, effort, and enthusiasm in taking part
in the **Future Voices Public Speaking & Presentation Challenge**
2026.

Best of luck in Round One!