

I call this debate to order. I am pleased to welcome you all to this \_\_\_ round of the 20\_\_\_ Nova Scotia Impromptu Debating Workshop.

The topic under debate today is "Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_".

Seated on my right are the affirmative debaters, namely:	To my left, and supporting the negative side, are:
Their first speaker: _____	Its first speaker: _____
and	and
Their second debater: _____.	Its second debater: _____.

The Judges for this debate are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Our Timekeeper is \_\_\_\_\_ and I, \_\_\_\_\_, am your Moderator.

Each debater will make a \_\_\_-minute constructive speech and later a \_\_\_-minute official rebuttal period to attack his or her opponents' arguments. I will grant debaters the right to speak by introducing them and they may then hold forth until either they sit down or I demand that they relinquish the floor, whichever occurs first. Finally, I will invite both debaters to complain of any rule violations or any misquotation or misrepresentation of their remarks by their opponents, though I won't rule on any such objections.

Would the Timekeeper please explain what system will be used to indicate the amount of speaking time remaining to debaters.

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***(READ DURING ONLY THE FIRST ROUND:)*** To review the general rules of debating briefly: ***(READ A SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL RULES OF DEBATE.)***

Because I cannot entertain Points of Order or Privilege, I will be alert to call debaters to order for any improper or unbecoming conduct or other breaches of the Rules of Debate and, at the conclusion of the contest, I will give both teams an opportunity to point out any infractions of the rules by their opponents. Also, I encourage the Judges to penalize debaters for any remarks made in bad taste or for other violations of the rules.

I will allow heckling and asides as long as the privilege of indulging in these is not abused. Wit is welcome, especially if it is brief, pertinent and infrequent, but the Judges should not hesitate to penalize a debater for deliberately disrupting an opponent's speech or for lowering the level of debate through excessive or thoughtless interruptions.

Are there any questions regarding the Rules? (• ***ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT ARE RAISED.***)

I call upon the **first affirmative** debater to deliver his/her constructive speech, including a definition of the terms in the resolution. If the affirmative team desires to introduce a Plan, it must be completely described during this address.

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We shall now hear the constructive address of the **first negative** debater. If the negative intends to dispute the affirmative definitions [or to introduce a Counter-Plan], this must be done now. [Any Counter-Plan must be completely described during this speech.]

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I call upon the **second affirmative** debater to deliver his/her constructive remarks.

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The **second negative** speaker will now deliver the last constructive address.

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Each debater will now have \_\_ minutes to rebut, defend and summarize, though these functions may be divided between the members of a team. I call upon the **first debater from each team** to present his/her final speech, **beginning with the negative**.

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Next I call upon the **second debater from each side**, again **commencing with the negative**. The affirmative debater may introduce no new constructive arguments or evidence at this time.

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Has any debater any complaints of rule violations or misquoting or misrepresenting of his or her remarks by his or her opponents?

• ***(IF ANY COMPLAINTS ARE RAISED, ASK DEBATERS TO BE SPECIFIC AND GIVE A CRITICIZED DEBATER AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THEM, BUT DO NOT RULE ON THE VALIDITY OF ANY OF THE COMPLAINTS.)***

Thank you. Would the Judges please complete their scoring *and prepare their critiques*. Judges should not confer with one another until after they have scored the debate. ***(AFTER THE SECOND ROUND SAY: Judges should now complete their scoring of both debates and turn their Score Sheets in to the Timekeeper.)***

• *Would the Judges please deliver their critiques in a constructive, encouraging manner.*

***(AFTER ALL JUDGES HAVE DELIVERED THEIR CRITIQUES, SAY:)*** On behalf of the debating organization, I thank the Judges and the Timekeeper for their assistance; I congratulate all of the debaters on their performances; and I hope that all spectators enjoyed the event. Would the debaters please report to the Tournament Director for their next assignments; please be quiet in the halls, since other debates may still be in progress. I declare this debate officially concluded.