

I call this debate to order. I am pleased to welcome you all to this ___ round of the 20__ Nova Scotia Senior High School Debating Championships. 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: _____
Their second member: _____ Its second member: _____
and _____ and _____
Their third debater: _____ Its third debater: _____.

The Judges for this debate are _____, _____ and _____.

Our Timekeeper is _____ and I, _____, am your Moderator.

Each debater will make a 6-minute constructive speech and later a 2-minute rebuttal-defence-summary. 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, after all speeches have concluded, I will invite all 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.

• *(PAUSE WHILE TIMEKEEPER EXPLAINS SYSTEM.)*

(DURING THE FIRST ROUND ONLY, SAY:) To review the rules briefly:

(READ THE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL RULES OF DEBATE FOR IMPROMPTU DEBATES.)

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 complain of any rule violations and misquotations 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.

Heckling is not permitted but I will allow **Worlds style Points of Information** between the first and final minutes of a speech, as long as the privilege of indulging in these is not abused. Each debater is required to raise at least one such Point with each opponent and to respond to at least one such Point from each opponent. 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. In impromptu debating, no Plan is required, but if the affirmative team desires to introduce a Plan, it must do so during this address.

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I thank the first affirmative speaker for his/her remarks and remind the Judges that they should not finalize any debater's score until they have heard all the speeches. 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.

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Thank you. I call upon the **second affirmative** debater to present his/her constructive remarks. [He/she shall complete the description of the affirmative Plan.]

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Thank you. The **second negative** speaker will now deliver his/her address. [Any Counter-Plan must be completely described during this speech.]

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Thank you. We shall now hear the constructive speech of the **third affirmative** debater.

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Thank you. The **third negative** debater will now deliver the final constructive speech.

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Thank you. Each debater will now have 2 minutes to rebut, defend and summarize, though these functions may be divided among 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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Thank you. Next I call upon the **second debater from each side**, again **commencing with the negative**.

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Thank you. Finally, the **third debater from each team** will deliver this speech, again **starting 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?

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

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AFTER THE FIRST ROUND, SAY: Thank you. Judges should not confer with one another and should not complete their scoring until they have heard the next round of debate.

AFTER THE SECOND ROUND, SAY: Thank you. Would the Judges please complete their scoring of both debates, ensuring that all 12 scores are legible, and turn their Score Sheets in to the Timekeeper. Judges should not confer with one another until after they have scored the debate.

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Because of the tightness of the Tournament Schedule, there is not time for formal critiques today. However, I encourage the debaters to speak to the Judges in private to obtain suggestions as to how they might improve their debating. I remind the judges that they should not reveal any debater's scores or the winning team.

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.
