

The House will come to order. I am pleased to welcome you all to this \_\_\_ round of the 20\_\_\_ Nova Scotia Senior High School Debating Championships.

The Bill before the House today is "Be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_."

Seated on my right and representing the Government are the:

Prime Minister: \_\_\_\_\_,

Second Member: \_\_\_\_\_,

and its

Third Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_.

Speaking on behalf of Her Majesty's Loyal

Opposition, to my left, are its:

First Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_,

Second Member: \_\_\_\_\_

and the

Leader of the Opposition: \_\_\_\_\_.

On behalf of the House, I extend a special welcome to our Judges \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

The Clerk of the House is \_\_\_\_\_ and I, \_\_\_\_\_, am your Speaker.

Each debater will have 8 minutes in which to deliver his or her remarks; the Prime Minister's time will be divided between a 5 minute opening speech and a 3 minute Official Rebuttal. Fifteen seconds grace will be allowed: I will then immediately call upon the next debater to begin his or her address.

Would the Clerk please explain the system for signalling time remaining to debaters.

• *(PAUSE WHILE CLERK EXPLAINS TIMEKEEPING SYSTEM.)*

*(DURING THE FIRST ROUND ONLY, SAY: To review the Rules briefly: (READ THE SUMMARY OF THE GENERAL RULES OF DEBATE FOR PREPARED DEBATES.)*

As Speaker, I will entertain Points of Order and Privilege. Heckling will also be permitted, though Judges are to penalize any debater who interrupts another thoughtlessly or excessively or who lowers the level of debate.

Are there any questions regarding the Rules?

• *(ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT ARE RAISED.)*

I call upon the **Prime Minister** to introduce the Bill, define its terms, and outline the Government case and its Plan for implementing the Bill.

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I thank the Prime Minister 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 will now hear the **first speaker for the Opposition**. If the Opposition intends to contest the Government definitions or to introduce a Counter-Plan, it must do so during this address.

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Thank you. We shall now hear from the **second Government speaker**, who must complete the description of the Plan for implementing the Bill.

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Thank you. I now call upon the **second speaker for the Opposition**. [Any Counter-Plan must be completely described during this speech.]

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Thank you. We shall now hear the final constructive speech in support of the Bill, from the **third Government speaker**.

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Thank you. The **Leader of the Opposition** will now deliver the last speech opposing the Bill. It is his/her responsibility to complete the attack on the Government case and to defend and summarize the position of the Opposition.

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I thank the Leader of the Opposition and now call upon the **Prime Minister** to present the Government's Official Rebuttal. During this 3 minute speech, no new constructive arguments or evidence may be introduced.

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I thank the Prime Minister for concluding the debate.

**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 Clerk. 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 House, I thank the Judges and the Clerk for their assistance; I congratulate all of the debaters on their performances; and I thank the members of the gallery for their attentiveness. 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. Since this debate has now concluded and there is no other business on the Order Paper, the House stands adjourned.

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