

**2007 Canadian Junior National Debating Championships**  
**Discussion Style**  
**Moderator's Script**

( Before you begin, write the exact resolution on the blackboard. The debaters should write their names and team code on the blackboard. Check to see that judges are seated in different locations and that all debaters and officials are ready. Consult the debaters for the pronunciation of their names. Ask all persons present to be seated. Proceed. )

I call this debate to order. I am pleased to welcome you to the \_\_\_\_ round of the 2007 Canadian Junior National Debating Championships.

The resolution before us today is \_\_\_\_\_

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Representing the Affirmative Team are its first speaker \_\_\_\_\_ and its second speaker \_\_\_\_\_ .

Representing the Negative Team are its first speaker \_\_\_\_\_ and its second speaker \_\_\_\_\_ .

I would like to express a sincere welcome to our judges: \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ , and \_\_\_\_\_ .

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

Each speaker will have a total of 8 minutes to present his/her remarks. The first speaker for each team will have his/her time split between a constructive address of 5 minutes and 3 minute rebuttal. After each debater has delivered a constructive speech, there will be a discussion period of 10 minutes where each team will ask questions of the other. Following this there will be a 5 minute break, followed by the rebuttals.

Are there any questions regarding the rules?

**( ANSWER ANY THAT ARE RAISED )**

I now call up the first affirmative speaker to present his/her arguments for 5 minutes.

**( FIRST AFFIRMATIVE'S SPEECH )**

I now call up the first negative speaker to present his/her arguments for 5 minutes.

**( FIRST NEGATIVE'S SPEECH )**

I now call up the second affirmative speaker to present his/her arguments for 8 minutes.

( **SECOND AFFIRMATIVE'S SPEECH** )

I now call up the second negative speaker to present his/her arguments for 8 minutes.

( **SECOND NEGATIVE'S SPEECH** )

We will now have the discussion period for 10 minutes. During this time, debaters are to raise their hands, and after being recognized by me, ask and respond to questions from their opponents. Questions shall alternate from side to side. Questions may be directed at one individual, or the team in general. After a debater has finished answering a question, he/she may immediately ask a question of the other team without the need to raise his/her hand. Debaters may not make speeches, or demand a "yes or no" answer. Judges shall penalize debaters for lack of participation. The discussion period will now begin.

( **DISCUSSION PERIOD** )

We will now have a 5 minute break while teams prepare their rebuttals.

( **BREAK** )

We will now hear a rebuttal from the first speaker of each side. I call upon the first negative speaker to deliver his/her rebuttal for 3 minutes.

( **FIRST NEGATIVE'S REBUTTAL** )

I now call upon the first affirmative speaker to deliver his/her rebuttal for 3 minutes.

( **FIRST AFFIRMATIVE'S REBUTTAL** )

I thank the member for concluding the debate. Would the debaters please leave the room while the judges discuss the debate amongst themselves. Each judge will, after no more than ten minutes, complete his/her ballot independently and hand it in to me. At that point, the debaters will return to the room and the head judge will make constructive comments, but will not indicate which team has won the debate.