

North American Debating Championships
British Parliamentary Debating
Speaker's Script

(Before you begin, be sure that the exact resolution and the names of all debaters are written on the blackboard. Consult the debaters for the pronunciation of their names. Ask all persons present to be seated. Proceed.)

This debate will come to order. I am pleased to welcome you to the ____ round of the North American Debating Championships.

The resolution before us today is _____

The first proposition team, _____, will be represented by its first speaker _____ and its second speaker _____ .

The first opposition team, _____, will be represented by its first speaker _____ and its second speaker _____ .

The second proposition team, _____, will be represented by its first speaker _____ and its second speaker _____ .

The second opposition team, _____, will be represented by its first speaker _____ and its second speaker _____ .

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

My name is _____ and I will be your Speaker and timekeeper.

All speakers will have 7 minutes in which to deliver their remarks. Fifteen seconds grace will be allowed. I will then immediately call upon the next debater to begin his or her address. I will bang the desk after the first minute of every speech, and with one minute remaining in each speech, to signal the time during which points of information are allowed. There are no Points of Order or Points of Personal Privilege, and heckling is also prohibited.

Are there any questions regarding the rules?

(ANSWER ANY THAT ARE RAISED)

I call upon the first speaker for the first proposition team to open the debate for 7 minutes.

(First Proposition Team – First Speaker's Speech)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the first speaker for the first opposition team for 7 minutes.

(First Opposition Team – First Speaker’s Speech)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the second speaker for the first proposition team to deliver his/her speech for 7 minutes.

(First Proposition Team – Second Speaker’s Speech)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the second speaker for the first opposition team to deliver his/her speech for 7 minutes.

(First Proposition Team – Second Speaker’s Speech)

I now call upon the first speaker for the second proposition team to to deliver his/her speech for 7 minutes.

(Second Proposition Team – First Speaker’s Speech)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the first speaker for the second opposition team for 7 minutes.

(Second Opposition Team – First Speaker’s Speech)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the second speaker for the second proposition team to deliver his/her speech for 7 minutes.

(Second Proposition Team – Second Speaker’s Speech)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the second speaker for the second opposition team to conclude the debate with his/her speech for 7 minutes.

(Second Proposition Team – Second Speaker’s Speech)

I thank all debaters for their remarks and congratulate them on their performances. I would ask the debaters to leave the room while the judges deliberate.

(Judge’s Deliberation)

(You should also leave the room during this time. If the judges will be announcing the decision, then everyone should wait near the room for the judges to call everyone back in.)