

Worlds Style Debating
Moderator' Script

(Before you begin, write the exact resolution and the names of all debaters 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.)

This debate will come to order.

The resolution before us today is _____

Representing the Proposition are its First Speaker _____, the Second Speaker _____, and its Third Speaker _____ .

Representing the Opposition are its First Speaker _____ , the Second Speaker _____ , and its Third Speaker _____ .

On behalf of the House, I would like to express a sincere welcome to our judges:

_____ , _____ , _____ ,

_____ , and _____ .

and I, _____ am your Moderator.

Each speaker will deliver an 8 minute constructive speech. Either the First or Second speaker of each team will also get a 4 minute reply speech. Points of Information will be allowed during the constructive speeches only, but not during the first and last minute of the speeches. I will bang the desk after the first minute, and again with one minute remaining, to signal the time during which Points of Information may be raised. For each speech, fifteen seconds grace will be allowed. After each speech, I will immediately call upon the next debater to begin his or her address.

There will be no Points of Order or Points of Privilege. Heckling is also prohibited. Are there any questions regarding the rules?

(ANSWER ANY THAT ARE RAISED)

I call upon the First Speaker to introduce the Proposition case for eight minutes.

(FIRST PROPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the First Speaker for the Opposition.

(FIRST OPPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the Second Speaker for the Proposition.

(SECOND PROPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the Second Speaker for the Opposition.

(SECOND OPPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the Third Speaker for the Proposition.

(THIRD PROPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. The Third Opposition Speaker will now deliver the last speech opposing the case.

(THIRD OPPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the Opposition speaker. At this time, there will be a two minute break while teams prepare their reply speeches.

(TWO MINUTE BREAK)

We will now hear a 4 minute reply speech from each team, starting with the Opposition.

(OPPOSITION'S REPLY SPEECH)

We will now hear the Proposition's reply speech.

(PROPOSITION'S REPLY SPEECH)

I thank the member for concluding the debate. Would the judges please complete your ballot. After doing so, you are invited to make constructive comments, but I would like to remind you that you are not to indicate which team has won the debate.