

## Canadian National Debate Format Evaluation Criteria

In both prepared and impromptu debate, the following are the maximum number of points that shall be awarded if deserved. Remember that the scores below are a **guide** to help you judge the various elements of the round. You are welcome to, and encouraged, to provide only a holistic final score, while keeping the various elements in mind.

<u>Category</u>	<u>Proposition</u>	<u>Opposition</u>
Content & Evidence	30	20
Argument & Reasoning	10	10
Organization	20	20
Presentation & Delivery	20	20
Refutation & Rebuttal	20	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

The following is a GENERAL guideline describing what percentage of marks should be given in each range.

<u>Score</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Approximate % of scores</u>
95-100	<i>impossible</i>	0
90-94	incredible, extraordinary, superlative	4%
84-89	very good	24%
78-83	average to good	30%
73-77	satisfactory	27%
66-72	below average	11%
60-65	poor, very weak, unprepared, did not fill time	4%
under 60	<i>impossible</i>	0

- any debater who lowers the tone of the debate should be penalized

### **NB:**

-The working scoring range is between 60 and 94. The vast majority of the speeches that you judge will range between 70 and 90. Only go above and below for strong reasons. You may be asked to justify such a score to the Chief Adjudicator or Tournament Director.

-The individual score out of 100 should be an overall reflection of the speaker's speech(es).

-Please double check the speaker's name with the position in the score boxes, and be sure to get the speaker's code as well, if applicable.

- You may, and are encouraged to, enter a final score only. Please take care to compare all scores in both relative and absolute terms. Please be advised that the tabs room will only look at the final score.

- for those familiar with univeristy style scoring, a 39 should roughly correspond to a 78, a 40 should be about 84, a 41 about 88, and 41.5 about a 90.