




# Speaker Roles and Responsibilities

World School Styles



# Timing

1st Speaker	7-8 minutes
2nd Speaker	7-8 minutes
3rd Speaker	7-8 minutes
Reply Speech	4 minutes maximum
POIS	Minimum 1 POI accepted per speaker, per round.



# 1st Speaker (Prop) Responsibilities

## *Presents first (no coin flip)*

- Introduces the motion
- Defines key terms. (Must be reasonable)
- Establish burdens- What does each side need to do in order to win? (Should be equally achievable)
- Establish mechanism (if applicable)- What is their plan to make their motion come true?
- Present 2-3 arguments for their side

# 1st Speaker (Opp) Responsibilities

- Restates the motion
- Brief introduction
- Engages with prop's definitions. Either accepts or contests them as unreasonable.
- Engages with prop's burdens. Either accepts or contests them as unfair.
- Challenges proposition mechanism (if applicable), either by proving it is a bad mechanism or offering a non topical counter mechanism.
- Clash with arguments presented by the proposition
- Present arguments for their side



## 2nd Speaker Responsibilities

- Argue with their opponent's position
- Challenge burdens and/or definitions (if unresolved by 1st speakers)
- Argue with their opponent's arguments
- Deliver any new arguments
- Defend their partner's previous arguments

# 3rd Speaker Responsibilities

*Can't present new arguments, may present new evidence*

- Restates/clarifies definitions and burdens, and structures their speech with “Point by Point Clash” or “Crystallization” method

## Point by Point Clash

- Reviews the arguments of their opponents and points out all weaknesses
- Restates their own arguments and points out their strengths

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## Crystallization

- Identifies the 3 main points of clash (disagreements) of the debate, and explains to the judge why their arguments are better.



# Reply Speech Responsibilities

- Can be given by either 1st or 2nd speaker
- Opposition gives Reply Speech first
- Identifies 2 main areas of clash (disagreements) of the debate, and explains why they won.
  - May do this by creating a narrative of their world vs. opponent's world
  - May refer to the burdens of the debate and explain why they won
  - May do this free-form
- Should not be repeating 3rd speech



# POIs

## *Points of Information*

- Opponents may interrupt the speaker by asking for a POI, then providing a brief question or statement. Only the speaker may answer this POI, and the debater who gave the POI may not reply to the speaker's answer.
- May be given verbally
- POIs should be under 15 second in length
- There must be a 20 second gap in between POIs, no POIs in first min, last min, or reply speech.
- Speakers may accept or refuse POIs. Debaters must accept 1 POI per speech to avoid point deductions.





# Judging Criteria

How to fill out a ballot

## Each debater will be individually assessed by the following 3 criterion



**Content**  
**40%**



**Style**  
**40%**



**Strategy**  
**20%**



# Content

*0-40 points*

- Information and evidence provided, and how it is used
- Ability for debater to attack their opponent's arguments
- How well the debater defends their team's arguments



# Style

*0-40 points*

- Confidence
- Rhetoric
- Eye contact, gestures, pacing, tone, etc.
- Rudeness and breaches in etiquette should cause point reductions in this category.

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## **Do NOT penalize for**

- Accents/ language fluency
- clothing



# Strategy

*0-20 points*

- Do they follow the assigned structure of the debate?
- Do they properly rebut all their opponents arguments/frontline each argument?
- Are they using their time wisely and focusing on the key issues of the round?

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- **Time penalties and breaches of format are penalized here.**



# Rubric for Content and Style

Advanced: Demonstrates a mastery and exceptionalism in a given scoring category	38-40 points
Above Average: Demonstrates skills not present in their peers	36-38 points
At Peer Level: Performance is average for their age group	34-36 points
Beginner Level: May be struggling, but making earnest attempts	32-34 points
Abstainer level: Debater does not make an earnest attempt to fulfil their responsibilities.	30-32 points
Unacceptable- Debater has disrespected the tournament, judge, and/or fellow debaters	Below 30 points



# Rubric for Strategy

Advanced: Demonstrates a mastery and exceptionalism in a given scoring category	19-20 points
Above Average: Demonstrates skills not present in their peers	18-19 points
At Peer Level: Performance is average for their age group	17-18 points
Beginner Level: May be struggling, but making earnest attempts	16-17 points
Abstainer level: Debater does not make an earnest attempt to fulfil their responsibilities.	15-16 points
Unacceptable- Debater has disrespected the tournament, judge, and/or fellow debaters	Below 15 points



# Calculating a winner

To calculate the winner, add up the score for each speech. The team with the highest total score wins the round.

- Reply speech is scored the same as constructive speeches, though worth 50 points instead of 100. (Just add it up like a normal speech, then divide it by 2).
- We do not allow low-point wins in this tournament.