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DEBATES

## **62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Chuckerbutty Memorial Debates, 2018.**

### **Rules of Procedure**

#### **Definitions:**

- Team: The debating team representing a school. This DOES NOT include the coach.
- Host: The Doon School.
- Impromptu Debate: Names of competitors, the motion and the approach (proposition or opposition) are announced an hour prior to the speaking time. The teams will be given 45 minutes of preparation time.
- Prepared Round: Names of competitors, the motion and the approach (proposition or opposition) are announced 10 minutes prior to the speaking time. The teams will be given no preparation time. Topics will be released on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 by e-mail.
- House: The intelligent common man. In this case the audience (if any), the judges and the Chairperson.
- Teacher Escort: The teacher escort will be considered as both the team coach and the team manager.
  - ❖ As the Team Coach

S/he will be asked to judge debates in which her/his team is not participating. These debates may be in back to back slots.

- ❖ As the Team Manager

S/he is responsible for taking all reasonable steps to:

- (i) Look after the welfare of the members of the team, and
- (ii) Ensure the members of the team comply with the Code of Conduct.

#### **Part One: Format of Debates**

##### **1.0 Teams in a Debate**



- . (a) In a debate there are two teams.
- . (b) One team proposes the motion for debate, the other team opposes it.

### 1.1 Speakers in a Team

- . (a) In a team in a debate, there are three speakers.
- . (b) Before a debate begins, each team must inform the Chairperson of the names of their three speakers and the order they will be speaking in.
- . (c) The only persons who may speak in a debate are the three speakers for each team announced by the chairperson at the start of that debate; **this includes asking Points of Information (POIs).**
- . (d) Each speaker speaks only once.
- . (e) After each speaker has spoken, the first or second speaker for each team gives a reply speech, with the opposition reply speech delivered first followed by the proposition reply speech.

### 1.2 Timing of Speeches

- . (a) The speaking time for substantive speeches is 7 to 8 minutes, and for reply speeches 3 to 4 minutes. No grace period will be given.
- . (b) The Host shall provide time signals for each speech. These signals will be given by means of time cards counting upwards by the minute.
- . (c) Falling short of the time limit as well as exceeding it will result in penalties being levied by the judges.

### 1.3 Communication

- (a) During a debate preparation or the debate, the team speakers may not communicate with their coach, or any person in the audience.
- (c) On no occasion may the speaker be interrupted

### 1.4 Format

- (a) The debates will be held in the **World Schools' Debating Format.**
- (b) Following will be the order of speakers in the debate:
  - Lead Speaker Proposition



- Lead Speaker Opposition
  - Second Speaker Proposition
  - Second Speaker Opposition
  - Third Speaker Proposition
  - Third Speaker Opposition
  - Lead/Second Speaker Opposition: Reply Speech
  - Lead/Second Speaker Proposition: Reply Speech
- There will be 1 - 2 minute break before the reply speeches of each speaker.
- . (c) The following are the Speaker Roles in the WSDC Format:

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| <p><b>First Proposition Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define the important terms of the motion</li> <li>• Explain the plan (if the motion requires one)</li> <li>• Explain the burden/ yardstick</li> <li>• Team line</li> <li>• Case division</li> <li>• Arguments in favour of the motion</li> </ul> | <p><b>First Opposition Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team line</li> <li>• Case division</li> <li>• Respond to any issues with the definition/plan/burden/ yardstick</li> <li>• Rebut the proposition's arguments</li> <li>• Present arguments against the motion</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Second Proposition Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team line</li> <li>• Respond to the rebuttal of the first proposition's arguments</li> <li>• Rebut the arguments of the first opposition</li> <li>• Present further arguments in favour of the motion</li> </ul>                                | <p><b>Second Opposition Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team line</li> <li>• Respond to the rebuttal of the first opposition's arguments</li> <li>• Rebut the arguments of the second opposition</li> <li>• Present further arguments against the motion</li> </ul>           |
| <p><b>Third Proposition Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebut any remaining important elements of the opposition case</li> </ul>   | <p><b>Third Opposition Speaker</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebut any remaining important elements of the proposition case</li> </ul>  |



and re-establish proposition arguments.

- No new arguments may be made at this stage.
- Speakers may, however, strengthen cases already made with fresh examples.

**Proposition Reply Speaker**

- A thematic analysis of the main arguments showing how the main points of clash fall on the government's side.
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**Opposition Reply Speaker**

- A thematic analysis of the main arguments showing how the main points of clash fall on the opposition's side.
- No new arguments or examples may be provided at this stage.

- (d) The debate will allow **Points of Information (POI)** for all speakers. The following rules must be adhered to while raising a Point of Information:
- Points of Information will be raised, simply by having a debater stand up and raise his or her hand.
  - It is upon the speaker to decide whether he or she wishes to recognize a Point of Information or dismiss it. However, it is **mandatory for a speaker to accept at least TWO Points of Information.**
  - The first and last minutes of the speech are protected minutes and points of information will **not be allowed** during the same.
  - Points of Information may **NOT be raised** during reply speeches.

**1.6 Rounds**

**Preliminary Round:**

- In the preliminary round each team will debate four times. The first round will be randomly paired. From the second round onwards, the winners will be paired against winners in a progressive succession by the TRPC software.



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- b. The preliminary rounds will consist of three impromptu rounds and one prepared round.

The schedule will be as follows:

Friday, November 10:            Round 1: Impromptu  
   Round 2: Prepared

Saturday, November 11:        Round 3: Impromptu  
   Round 4: Impromptu

Semifinal: Impromptu

Sunday, November 13:         Final: Impromptu

- c. For the impromptu rounds, 45 minutes will be given for preparation. There will be no preparation time for prepared debates. The teams will prepare at the venue. The Proposition will prepare inside the venue and the Opposition will sit outside.

**Semifinal Round:**

- a) The top four teams from the preliminary round rankings will enter the Semi-final round.
- b) Rankings for the preliminary rounds will be prepared according to the criteria defined in Section 3.0.
- c) In the Semi-final rounds, the team ranked first will debate the team ranked fourth. The second and third ranked teams will debate each other.
- d) It will be an impromptu round with 45 minutes preparation time.
- e) The winners of the two semi-final debates will advance to the Final round.

**Final Round:**

- a) The two winning teams of their respective semi-final round debates will debate each other in the final round.



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- b) It is an impromptu round with 60 minutes of preparation time.
- c) In the event that the Hosts reach the final and win the competition, as per tradition, the trophy will be presented to the Runners-up team.

## **Part Two: Scoring**

### **2.0 Ties**

(a) At the end of the preliminary rounds, teams shall be ranked according to the number of wins. The win-loss ratio will determine team rankings.

(b) If teams are tied on the same number of wins, they shall be separated on the following priority:

- (i) Number of adjudicators' ballots in favor of the team
- (ii) Cumulative sum of judges' scores for the team

**2.1** Based on raw ranking from the preliminary round four teams will proceed to the semifinal round.

**2.2** All scoring will be recorded on the TRPC software. There will be no manual assessment or assignment of opposition teams. The assignment of judges and teams will be according to the strict logic of the software based on win/loss result and the judges' association with the school.

**2.3** It is understood that the reply speech points will be added to the overall team scores and will not influence the individual speaker awards.

## **Part Three: Language**

All debates shall be in English.

## **Part Four: Materials**

Teams may not bring any handwritten, printed or published materials with them into their preparation room for Impromptu Debates, with the exception of an English Language dictionary.

## **Part Five: Communication**

A person taking part in the preparation of an Impromptu Debate may not take into the



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preparation room a telephone, computer or any other device capable of communicating or accessing information outside the preparation room. The teacher escort may not be present at the venue during the preparation time or in any proximate area.

### **Part Six: References for Competitors and Adjudicators**

“Defining Motions & Constructing Cases: Guidelines for Competitors and Adjudicators” by Andrew Stockley (New Zealand) is a critical article to understand the nature and spirit of WSDC debating format. It may be accessed at <http://debate.uvm.edu/dcpdf/wsdcdefiningandcases.pdf>

Debaters may also access <http://betterdebatemanual.wix.com/better> for further details on WSDC format and training procedures. The website is an online Debate Training Manual. Sample video clips are also available on the site. The information on this website is not specific to the WSDC format, and is universally compatible with all formats of debating.

### **Part Seven: Judging Criteria**

The judges will judge the speakers on Style, Content and Strategy.

- Style: Style covers the way the speakers speak. This can be done in many ways, in different accents and with the use of terminology which is not so familiar to the speaker.
- Content: Content covers the arguments that are used, divorced from the speaking style. It is as if one is seeing the arguments written down rather than spoken. The judge must assess the weight of the arguments without being influenced by the magnificence of the orator that presented them. Content will also include an assessment of the weight of rebuttal or clash. This assessment must be done from the standpoint of the average reasonable person. The adjudicator's job is to assess the strength of an argument regardless of whether the other team is able to knock it down.



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- Strategy: Strategy covers two main concepts: the structure and timing of the speech, and whether the speaker understood the issues of the debate. These matters are sufficiently important to justify taking them separately.

### **Part Eight: Disputes**

**8.0** All disputes regarding the tournament, or any provisions of this document, may be brought to the attention of the Tournament Adjudicator.

**8.1** The Tournament Adjudicator's decision in any dispute will be final and binding on all concerned parties.