

## Why we need a format to debate?

A format to debate is needed to avoid bad practices in a discussion, such as: interrupting your opponent, using time incorrectly or getting carried away by emotions. It helps the develop critical thinking while presenting a position. Judges can evaluate with order and objectivity the form and substance of the debate.

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#### FORMAT

The format is designed for virtual events, there are 2 positions. One "In favor" and one "Against".

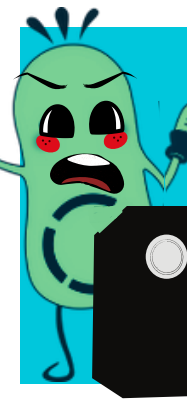


Motions are drawn by lot. They must be questions, where there are only 2 positions. The format consists of 5 different phases

# 01

- Each team present their objectives.
- Provides content about the topic under discussion.
- Develop argumentation lines.

Exordium and arguments



# 03

It is the opportunity for each speaker to contradict the statements, and present the evidence that refutes the arguments presented by the opposing team.

Refutation

# 02

- Each speaker formulates questions to their opponent.
- The opponent may respond.
- The leadership of this part will depend on who proposes the answers.
- Whoever asks the questions must limit himself to his role (he must not offer an argument) and whoever answers must not ask questions.
- The control of this part is the interrogator's responsibility

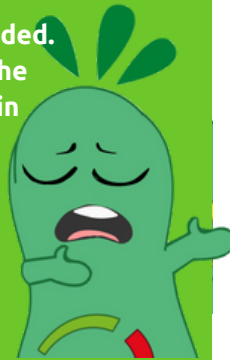
Questions



# 04

- Time to overcome the refutations pointed out by opponents (3rd phase) and strengthen the arguments presented.
- At this point new arguments can't be added.
- It is time to defend the arguments proposed in phase 1.

Defense



# 05

- The speaker takes up the arguments presented by his team throughout the debate and details how they have been and highlights how the rebuttals made by the opposing team have been overcome.
- They highlight why their arguments are still valid.
- No new data or evidence should be introduced.



Conclusion and closing