

Guidelines:

- 1. Two Sides:** A parliamentary debate is a formal discussion between the Proposition (supports the motion) and the Opposition (argues against the motion) about the motion.
- 2. Speech Lengths:** Speeches are structured as Main Speeches (8 mins) and Reply Speeches (4 mins).
- 3. Preparation:** Debates can be prepared (researched) or impromptu (topic given on the spot).
- 4. POI Rules:** Points of Information (POIs) are allowed during main speeches, but not in the first/last minute or in reply speeches.
- 5. Judging:** Judges decide the winner based on content, style, and strategy based on a conferral system.

Tournament Guidelines Summary:

- Team Composition:** Each participating team will consist of 5 members.
- Total Rounds:** The tournament involves a total of 4 rounds that every team speaks over two days before the finals.
- Initial Rounds (Day 1 & 2):** Rounds 1 & 2 are Prepared Debates (research done in advance). Rounds 3 & 4 are Impromptu Debates (motions given an hour before) without recourse to coaches or technology.



- Qualification: The top 8 teams qualify for the quarter finals.
- Final Day (Day 3): Day 3 features Semi-finals (to determine the finalists) and a Grand Finale to decide the championship winner.
- Prepped Motions will be shared a week prior to the tournament

Judging & Time Rules

- Three Core Criteria: Judges score each speaker based on three important areas: Content, Style, and Strategy.
- Stopping Time: Judges stop scoring or giving credit for any material presented after 15 seconds past the maximum allocated speaking time.
- Points of Information (POIs): POIs are only allowed during the central portion of the main speeches, between the 1st and 7th minute.
- Holistic Decision: The winning team is determined by the debate's overall comparative persuasiveness, which is conventionally aligned with the team receiving the higher total speaker score.

