**Schedule Overview**

**Fall 2022 Youth for Debate Curriculum**

\*\*Note that curriculum is subject to change, especially based on coach feedback!

| Lesson 1 | Intro to Debate I  Topics covered:   * Resolution * Basic format of debate (constructive, rebuttal, etc.) * Basic elements of an argument (claim, warrant,impact) |
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| Lesson 2 | Intro to Debate II  Topics covered:   * Youth for Debate official debate format (speech times, order, etc.) * Crossfire * Impact weighing * SPAR debate, if time allows |
| Lesson 3 | Rebuttal and Flowing  Topics covered:   * Basics of rebuttal, including utilizing weighing in rebuttal, offense vs defense, and other common mechanisms of refutation * How to take easy-to-understand notes in a debate (flowing) * More SPAR debates, if time allows |
| Lesson 4 | Writing cases and blocks (pre-prepared rebuttal arguments)  Topics covered:   * Basic outline of a case (contentions, etc). * Properly citing evidence * What are blocks and how to write them * Helping debaters start their own cases |
| Lesson 5 | Cases and blocks workshop   * Coaches will work with students directly, giving feedback on their cases and any blocks they have written. |
| Lesson 6 | Practice debates (full-time, half of debaters go AFF and half go NEG) |
| Lesson 7 | Practice debates (full-time, sides switch–i.e. Debaters who went aff during lesson 6 now go neg and vice versa) |