

UTS JUNIOR DEBATING & PUBLIC SPEAKING TOURNAMENT

DEBATING

EVENT DESCRIPTION: The debates will be impromptu in Canadian National Debate format. Each team consists of two debaters from the same school. The resolution will be presented to the teams 30 minutes before the start of the debate. Competitors may not use any information resources, printed or digital, as they prepare for the debates. Speeches must be based solely on their knowledge of the subject. The resolution must be interpreted in a reasonable manner; 20 minutes prior to the start of the debate, the Proposition will give the definition of key terms to the Opposition. If the Opposition feels the definition is undebatable, it must appeal to the tournament director, whose decision is final. Proposition teams will prepare in the allocated room; the Opposition teams will prepare outside the room. All speeches are 6 minutes in length and summary speeches are 3 minutes in length; 30 seconds grace will be allowed for each debater. The results of the debate will be based entirely on speaker's points, not on win-loss records. The length and order of speeches are as follows:

- 1st Proposition 6 minutes
- 1st Opposition 6 minutes
- 2nd Proposition 6 minutes
- 2nd Opposition 6 minutes
- 1st Opposition summary 3 minutes
- 1st Proposition summary 3 minutes

SCORING GUIDELINES:

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| <u>70 – 74</u> Starting Out | <u>75 – 79</u> Some Strength | <u>80 – 84</u> Good | <u>85 – 89</u> Very Good | <u>90 – 94</u> Excellent | <u>95 – 100</u> Outstanding |
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Contestant's Name: _____ Contestant's Code: _____ Role in Debate: _____

Resolution: _____

The categories below are intended to serve as a guide only. The overall total is the significant mark.

| CATEGORY: | SCORE: |
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| Argumentation and content: <i>Analysis, logic, organization, evidence, content?</i> | [out of 40] |
| Clash and Refutation: <i>Response to opponents' arguments, evidence of clash, POIs asked and answered?</i> | [out of 30] |
| Presentation and Persuasiveness: <i>Delivery, style, teamwork, persuasiveness?</i> | [out of 30] |
| TOTAL SCORE: | [out of 100] |

LENGTH OF SPEECH: _____

COMMENTS:

Judge's Name: _____ Round: _____ Room: _____ # of Judges in Room: _____