



Montana High School Association
1 South Dakota Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

INSTRUCTION AND SUMMATION BALLOT

LEGISLATIVE DEBATE

Round
Number:

Section
Number:

Judge:

General Instructions to Judges:

The round should begin with the judge collecting one bill from each student present. The judge will have no more than 10 minutes to select the order of bills discussed in the round. Once selected, the bills should remain in the judge's folder – and the order should not be revealed to the students.

Each round will last no longer than 75 minutes, to be timed by the judge. At the end of 75 minutes, the judge will announce the end of the debate and the current presiding officer will immediately close the session. Semifinal and final rounds will be 90 minutes.

Each presiding officer will serve an equal number of minutes. The order of presiding officers will be determined by posting order. At the end of time, the current speech will be allowed to end, and the next PO will begin his/her assignment.

Procedure rules shall be drawn by Roberts' Rules of Order. Allowed motions are main, second, point of order, previous question, amendment and voting.

All bills and rules will address the general topic as assigned from the viewpoint of the United States Congress.

Each bill will be debated using the following format:

Authorship speech:	5 minutes maximum
Open cross-examination controlled by author:	3 minutes maximum
Affirmative and Negative alternating speeches:	3 minutes maximum
Open cross-examination controlled by the speaker of each Aff/Neg speech:	1 minute maximum
Rebuttal speech:	2 minutes maximum

Presentations should be appropriate for all audiences.

Speaking and Order Code	Circle PLACE in round (1st is best)							
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
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PLEASE BREAK ALL TIES