



Round: _____ Speaker Code: _____ Judge: _____

LEGISLATIVE DEBATE COMMENT SHEET

In Legislative Debate, students (debaters) are taking the role of congress. They have been given a Foreign and a Domestic Topic. Each round alternates between the topics except for the Final Round in which the topics mix. Each debater has a written piece of legislation in the form of a one-page bill or resolution.

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 bill should remain in the judge's folder, and the order should not be revealed to the debaters. Each round will last no longer than 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 is determined by the random 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 shall be drawn by Roberts' Rules of Order. Allowed motions are main, second, point of order, previous question, amendment and voting.

Each debate will be debated using the following format:

- Authorship Speech (5 minutes max)
- Open Cross Examination controlled by the Author (3 minutes max)
- Affirmative and Negative alternating speeches (3 minutes max)
- Open Cross Examination controlled by the speaker of each AFF/NEG speech (1 minute max)
- Rebuttal speech (2 minutes max)

When ranking debaters, please consider what happened during the entire round. Some debaters may not speak as much as others, but please be aware that each debater has the same opportunity to speak. No oral critiques are allowed.

Presentations should be appropriate for all audiences.

Circle the Place (Rank) in this Round (1st is best - no ties)

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

Please list your observations and recommendations to assist the competitor in improving in specific areas:

Competitor Does Well

Competitor Needs Improvement

Feel free to continue comments on the reverse side.

Please use this holistic rubric to give appropriate feedback to the contestant.

Effective Presentation/Evaluation of Arguments	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Development of Analysis & Use of Supporting Evidence	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Respectful Engagement within the Committee	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Effectively question, defend and clash	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Poise and Presence	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average
Time Spent as Presiding Officer	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average

Rate the Speaker in this Round (ties are permitted)

<i>Outstanding</i> 30 or 29	<i>Excellent</i> 28 or 27	<i>Good</i> 26 or 25 or 24	<i>Average</i> 23 or 22	<i>Below Average</i> 21 or 20
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