



The Christian School Speech & Debate League *A Ministry of the Institute for Principle Studies*

OFFICIAL TEAM POLICY DEBATE RULES

I. Format

- A. Each team shall consist of two speakers.
- B. Each speaker shall be given an 8 minute constructive speech, a 3 minute cross-examination, and a 5 minute rebuttal. The order shall be: 1AC, cross-ex by 2N, 1NC, cross-ex by 1A, 2AC, cross-ex by 1N, 2NC, cross-ex by 2A, 1NR, 1AR, 2NR, and 2AR.
- C. A cumulative total of 5 minutes shall be allotted to each team for preparation time.
- D. Speakers may not switch speaker positions mid-round (e.g., the 1A must do the 1AC and 1AR).

II. Content

- A. Evidence presented must maintain and preserve the original intent of the source. Evidence may not be fabricated.
- B. During the round, competitors may use calculators, but no other electronic devices. Prohibited electronic devices include, but are not limited to cell phones, computers, or any other type of electronic device capable of storing information and/or accessing the internet. Pre-approved exceptions to the electronic device prohibition may be granted by the LFA to accommodate a competitor with a documented disability.
- C. No visual aids may be used during the round. Visual aids include, but are not limited to posters, pictures, props, and electronic projection or display devices.

III. Tournaments

- A. Rounds will have one or more judges.
- B. Judges may consist of anyone who is over the age of 16 and not competing in the Logos Forensic Association at any tournament during that tournament year.
- C. A double-loss may be given in the instance where both teams have demonstrated conduct that is rude, offensive, or otherwise unbecoming of a representative of Christ. Judges shall consult with the tournament director before awarding a double-loss.

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IV. Dress Code

- A. Competitors must dress both modestly and business professionally. This includes, but is not limited to:
1. Gentlemen should wear either suits, or sport coats with slacks; collared shirts and ties; and dress shoes.
 2. Ladies should wear dresses, skirts, or suits; tops with a modest neck line; and dress shoes. Skirt lengths should cover the knees when standing.

V. Disciplinary Action

In the event that there is an infraction of the rules, the tournament director should be notified. The tournament director may review the case and make a decision based on the circumstances. Disciplinary options may include a warning, the loss of the round in which the infraction occurred, or removal from the tournament.