

DEBATE GUIDELINES

- The two speakers will each deliver an Opening Statement of roughly 5 minutes duration (with a warning bell at 4 minutes). The speaker for the Affirmative will go first, followed by the speaker for the Negative.
- After the Opening Statements each speaker will be given another 5 minutes (with a warning bell at 4 minutes) to respond to the arguments of their opponent. The speaker for the Affirmative will be given the first right of reply, followed by the speaker for the Negative. During these 5 minutes, each speaker will also be required to sum up their arguments in a final, comprehensive form in light of their opponent's input.
- When each speaker has concluded their remarks, the Chair will make some general comments about the debate and field questions from the audience.
- Ongoing, informal debate between the opponent speakers is permitted at this phase subject to the discretion of the Chair and the constraints of time.