

Junior Nationals Cross-examination Style Script

(Before you begin, write the exact resolution and the names of all debaters on the blackboard. Check to see that judges are seated in different locations and that all debaters and officials are ready. Consult the debaters for the pronunciation of their names. Ask all persons present to be seated. Proceed.)

I call this debate to order. I am pleased to welcome you to the ___ round of the 2011 Junior National Debate Championships.

The resolution before us today is _____.

Seated on my right and representing the Affirmative Team are its first speaker _____ and its second speaker _____.

Seated on my left and representing the Negative Team are its first speaker _____ and its second speaker _____.

I would like to express a sincere welcome to our judges: _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.

The timekeeper is _____, and I, _____ am your Moderator.

Each debater will deliver a **5 minute constructive** speech, after which he or she will be **cross-examined for up to 3 minutes** by an opponent. **Each debater will question an opponent for up to 3 minutes**, and each has **4 minutes for a rebuttal**. If a question has been asked before the time limit expires, a short answer may be given. Cross-examination commences immediately after a constructive speech has ended: the examiner will not be reintroduced before questioning begins. Fifteen seconds grace will be allowed for the constructive speeches. Would the Timekeeper please explain the system for signaling time remaining to the debaters. **(PAUSE)**

To review the Rules briefly:

During cross-examination, debaters should treat one another with dignity and respect. They are required to give witnesses a reasonable opportunity to answer questions, though they may ask me to cut short witnesses who stall or answer at unnecessary length. While being cross-examined, debaters shall give direct, honest answers. They must not evade questions put to them but they may impose reasonable qualifications on their answers. The only question they can ask is for clarification of a confusing query, and they may not refuse to answer a question, even if it appears irrelevant. I will not entertain any objections other than those noted above. No heckling or other interjections are in order. Are there any questions regarding the Rules of Debate? **(ANSWER ANY THAT ARE RAISED)**

I call upon the FIRST Affirmative speaker to present his/her constructive speech, including all definitions, for a period of 5 minutes, then be cross-examined by the FIRST Negative debater for a period of 3 minutes.

(FIRST AFFIRMATIVE'S SPEECH AND CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE FIRST NEGATIVE)

I call upon the FIRST Negative speaker to present his/her constructive speech, for a period of 5 minutes, then be cross-examined by the SECOND Affirmative debater for a period of 3 minutes.

(FIRST NEGATIVE'S SPEECH AND CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE SECOND AFFIRMATIVE)

I call upon the SECOND Affirmative speaker to render his/her constructive material, for a period of 5 minutes, then be cross-examined by the SECOND Negative debater for a period of 3 minutes.

(SECOND AFFIRMATIVE'S SPEECH AND CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE SECOND NEGATIVE)

I call upon the SECOND Negative debater to present his/her main speech for a period of 5 minutes, then be cross-examined by the FIRST Affirmative speaker for a period of 3 minutes.

(SECOND NEGATIVE'S SPEECH AND CROSS-EXAMINATION BY THE FIRST AFFIRMATIVE)

We will now take a **5 minute break** while the debaters prepare their rebuttals.

(FIVE MINUTE BREAK)

We shall now hear a **4 minute rebuttal** by each debater. No new constructive arguments or evidence may be introduced during this period.

I call upon the FIRST Negative to deliver his/her rebuttal for a period of 4 minutes.

(FIRST NEGATIVE'S REBUTTAL)

I call upon the FIRST Affirmative to deliver his/her rebuttal for a period of 4 minutes.

(FIRST AFFIRMATIVE'S REBUTTAL)

Would the judges please complete your ballot and hand it to the timekeeper when you are finished. After doing so, you are invited to make constructive comments, but I would like to remind you that **you are not to indicate which team has won the debate.**

(JUDGE'S COMMENTS)

On behalf of the Saskatchewan Elocution and Debate Association, I would like to thank the judges for their assistance. I would also like to congratulate all debaters on their performance. I declare this debate officially concluded.