

Cross X Debate



Chairperson's Guide

ALBERTA DEBATE AND SPEECH ASSOCIATION
JUNIOR BEGINNER CROSS-EXAMINATION STYLE
Guide for Chairpersons/Timekeepers

Before the debate begins, write the resolution on the blackboard in your room and have the debaters write their names on the blackboard. Ensure that you have an odd (1, 3, 5 or 7) number of judges and that each judge has a ballot. *When the debate is ready to begin, close the door and say this:*

On behalf of _____, I welcome you to round _____ of the _____

The resolution for debate is _____

Representing the Proposition team is _____ and _____

Representing the Opposition team is _____ and _____

I am pleased to welcome our judges for today's contest. They are:

_____, _____, and

I now introduce the first speaker of the Proposition team _____, who will speak for 5 minutes. At the conclusion of this speech, the first Proposition will be cross examined by the second Opposition speaker for 2 minutes. (After this cross-examination say:)

I now call on the first Opposition speaker _____, who will speak for 5 minutes, then be cross-examined by the first Proposition for 2 minutes. (After this cross-examination say:)

I now introduce the second Proposition speaker _____, who will speak for 5 minutes, then be cross-examined by the first Opposition speaker for 2 minutes. (After this cross-examination say:)

I now introduce the second Opposition speaker _____, who will speak for 5 minutes, then be cross-examined by the second Proposition for 2 minutes. (After this cross-examination say:)

There will now be a five minute break while the debaters prepare their summation and rebuttals. (After the five minute break say :)

I now introduce the first Opposition speaker to deliver the Opposition rebuttal for 4 minutes. (After this speech say:)

I now introduce the first Proposition speaker to deliver the Proposition rebuttal for 4 minutes. (after this speech...)

Say "Would the judges please complete their ballot."

Wait for the Judges to complete their scoring of the debate. As each Judge finishes, collect his/her score sheet. When you have collected all the score sheets,

Either invite the judges to make constructive comments, but remind them that they are not to indicate which team has won the debate.

OR

Announce which team won the debate and ask the Judges to make their comments.

This phase depends upon the Debate Organizer – make sure that you know what he/she wants you to do.

At this point, take the ballots to the statistics office. Then return to the room and prepare for the next debate.

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_____, _____, and

I now introduce the first speaker of the Proposition team _____, who will speak for 6 minutes. At the conclusion of this speech, the first Proposition will be cross examined by the second Opposition speaker for 3 minutes. (After this cross-examination say:)

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I now introduce the first negative speaker to deliver the Opposition rebuttal for 4 minutes. (After this speech say:)

I now introduce the first affirmative speaker to deliver the Proposition rebuttal for 4 minutes. (after this speech...)

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