



GUIDE TO DEBATING

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How to debate (in general)?

- **Debate is not only to stand up and speak out**
- **In a competitive debate, your team needs to have a strategy**
- **You need to have a good understanding of the topics**
- **You need to know your strengths and weaknesses**



How to debate (in EU-IDC)?

- **EU-IDC rules and guidelines must be followed**
- **The debate is conducted in English**
- **Stand when you speak**
- **Wait for the chairperson's signal for you to speak**
- **Keep within the time limits**
- **No speakers should be interrupted**
- **Bad language is not permitted**
- **Props are not permitted**



Who will be debating in a round?

- **2 teams: Affirmative vs Negative**
- **Affirmative Team must speak FOR the motion**
- **Negative Team must speak AGAINST the motion**
- **Each team has 3 debaters, who each speak once**



Speaking Order

Order of Speech	Duration
1st Speaker Affirmative Team	5 minutes
1st Speaker Negative Team	5 minutes
2nd Speaker Affirmative Team	5 minutes
2nd Speaker Negative Team	5 minutes
3rd Speaker Affirmative Team	3 minutes
3rd Speaker Negative Team	3 minutes



Roles in a Debate

AFFIRMATIVE TEAM

FIRST SPEAKER

- defines the motion
- outlines a position, supported by several arguments and examples
- flags the points the Second Speaker Affirmative Team will deliver



NEGATIVE TEAM

FIRST SPEAKER

- challenges the definition (if it is a problem)
- outlines the opposing position (establish the “clash” in the debate), supported by several arguments and examples
- rebuts the affirmative team’s arguments
- flags the points the Second Speaker Negative Team will deliver



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NEGATIVE TEAM

SECOND SPEAKER

- defends the affirmative team's original definition (if a definitional challenge was made by the negative team)
- rebuts the negative team's arguments
- delivers the points (arguments and examples) allotted by the First Speaker Affirmative Team
- presents a new argument (if necessary)

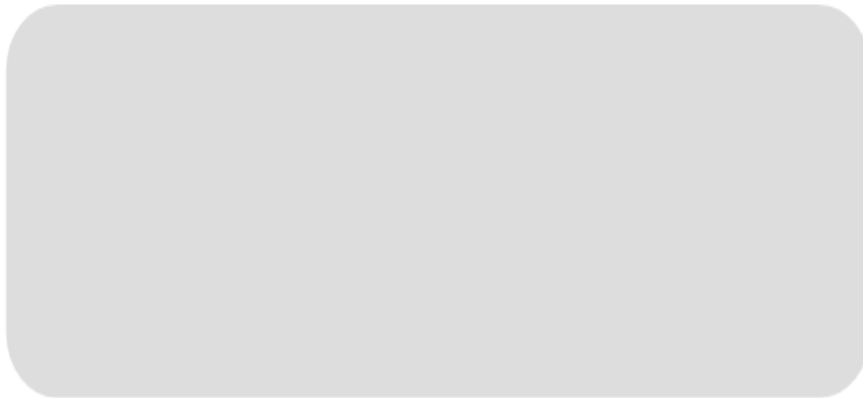
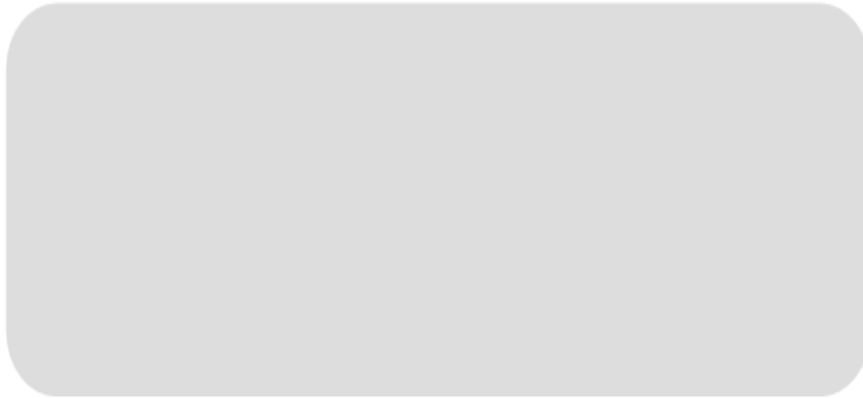
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- defends the negative team's definition (if required)
- rebuts the affirmative team's arguments
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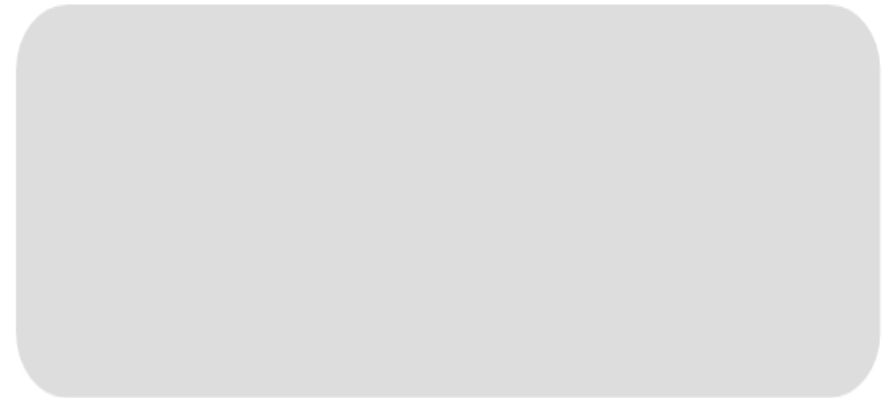
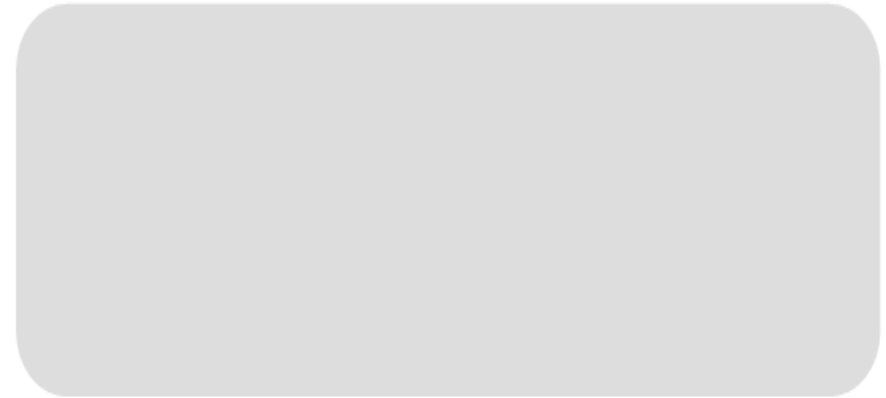
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THIRD SPEAKER

- offers a summation of the debate

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Scoring System

- **There will be a panel of 3 adjudicators for each rounds (but 3 to 5 adjudicators for the Grand Final)**
- **Scores are awarded to the team as a whole (not to individual speakers)**
- **Adjudicators will arrive at their decisions on an individual basis**

- Scores are awarded based on →→→→

- Tabulation will be done by a team of scorekeepers

Team: _____

	Max Points	SCORE
MATTER (Strength of the Arguments)	40	
MANNER (Presentation and Delivery Style of the Speakers)	40	
METHOD (Structure and Timing of the Speeches)	20	
TOTAL		