



School Mock Court Case Project SCIO

Debating

Raise your argument, not your voice.

Overview:

The objective of the project is not to prove one team as right/wrong but rather to widen views and open the minds of all involved.

There will be 2 opposing teams (proposition and opposition), each consisting of 4 speakers. The 'winning team' is decided by majority vote of the audience. Time-keeping and order is regulated by the Chairperson.

Participants

- Proposition/Opposition teams
- Chairperson
- Audience

Order

- Each speaker will give max. 5min speech
- Followed by a Floor Debate (audience) for max. 5min
- One speaker from Opposition team will give Summary max. 3min
- One speaker from Proposition team will give Summary max. 3min
- The audience will vote online and the Chairperson announce winner
- General discussion about the topic
- Red – Plastics debate only

PROPOSITION	30sec	OPPOSITION
1 st Prop Speaker	→	1 st Opp. Speaker
2 nd Prop Speaker Maths	↘	2 nd Opp. Speaker Maths
3 rd Prop Speaker Science	↘	3 rd Opp. Speaker Science
4 th Prop Speaker Environment	↘	4 th Opp. Speaker Environment
5 th Prop Speaker Human	↘	5 th Opp. Speaker Human

FLOOR DEBATE
Members of the audience can ask questions to either side in the debate and share opinions.
Speakers cannot respond to these questions during the floor debate, only during their Summary speeches.

PROPOSITION SUMMARY	30sec	OPPOSITION SUMMARY
Why the Prop. has won all areas incl. any answers to floor debate	←	Why the Opp. has won all areas incl. any answers to floor debate

Rules

- The Chairperson must signal when each speaker has 20sec remaining
- The Chairperson cannot share opinions during debate
- Speakers must include authoritative productions to support their positions (submitted to the Chairperson prior to debate for fact-checking)
- The order of speakers must not be changed
- No revision of the position of a team is permitted during debate
- Interrupting a speaker is forbidden
- The audience must not participate in the debate outside of the floor debate
- Questions asked during the floor debate must be fair, clear and have a direct bearing on the debate
- Majority vote wins
- Speakers must treat opponents with respect (penalty points may be imposed)
- Speakers are allowed to repeat or vary an argument

Programme

- Free of charge (on the condition each country participating must provide a lecturer)
- Q&A lectures (2 pro & 2 opp) over a 4-week period
- At the end of the final lecture, teams will be assigned to proposition/opposition irrespective of their personal viewpoint
- 2 weeks to prepare for the debate

Note: debate topics may involve sensitive issues