



Public Forum Debate Ballot

Tournament Date:			Tournament Location:		
Round/ Flight:	Room:	Division:	Judge Name:	Affiliation/ Occupation:	
Resolution/Topic:					

Please do not complete the portion below until after the coin toss.

Flip a coin to determine side and speaking order of the debate. The winner of the flip has the option of choosing either the side (Pro or Con) or the speaking order (first or second) in the round. The team that loses the flip makes the remaining choice, either side or speaking order.

Judging Instructions:

- ❖ Clash of ideas to advocate or reject a resolution in a manner persuasive to the non-specialist citizen (i.e., jury) is imperative.
- ❖ Judges should decide the round as it is debated, not how they personally feel.
- ❖ Debaters should display solid logic and reasoning, utilize evidence, counter arguments of opponents, and communicate clear ideas with professional decorum.
- ❖ Crossfire time should be dedicated to questions and answers rather than reading evidence. Evidence may be referred to extemporaneously.
- ❖ **New arguments** may not be introduced in the Final Focus; however, debaters may include new evidence to support prior arguments.

		Pro		
Speaker	Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Team	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Team	Points
	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	Name:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> #2			
	<input type="checkbox"/> #3	Name:		
<input type="checkbox"/> #4				
		Con		
Speaker	Code:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st Team	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Team	Points
	<input type="checkbox"/> #1	Name:		
	<input type="checkbox"/> #2			
	<input type="checkbox"/> #3	Name:		
<input type="checkbox"/> #4				
Rate each speaker from 20-30 points: 20-23 Below Average 27-28 Above Average				
24-26 Average 29-30 Outstanding <i>Scores below 20 may only be awarded in cases of unethical or inappropriate behavior.</i>				
Winning Team:		<input type="checkbox"/> Pro <input type="checkbox"/> Con	Team/Code:	

Comments to Pro debaters:

Comments to Con debaters:

Reasons for my decision (cite specific arguments that had a bearing):

Order/Time Limits of Speeches	
Speaker #1 (1st Team)	4 min.
Speaker #2 (2nd Team)....	4 min.
Crossfire (#1 & #2)*	3 min.
Speaker #3 (1st Team)	4 min.
Speaker #4 (2nd Team)....	4 min.
Crossfire (#3 & #4)*	3 min.
Speaker #1 Summary	2 min.
Speaker #2 Summary	2 min.
Grand Crossfire (all)	3 min.
Speaker #3 Final Focus....	2 min.
Speaker #4 Final Focus....	2 min.
2 minutes of Prep Time per side	
* The first question is asked by the earlier speaker.	