

Debate Rubric

Criteria	5 points	4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point	Points
Presentation	Consistently used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a manner that kept the attention of the audience and showed respect to the opposing team.	Usually used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a manner that kept the attention of the audience and showed respect to the opposing team.	Sometimes used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a manner that kept the attention of the audience and showed respect to the opposing team.	Rarely used gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a manner that kept the attention of the audience and showed respect to the opposing team.	Did not use gestures, eye contact, tone of voice, and a level of enthusiasm in a manner that kept the attention of the audience and showed respect to the opposing team.	
Information	The information presented was clear, accurate, and thorough.	Most information presented was clear, accurate, and thorough.	Most information presented was clear and accurate, but was not usually thorough.	Some information was accurate, but there were some minor inaccuracies.	The information had some major inaccuracies and was not clear and thorough.	
Rebuttal	All counter-arguments were accurate, relevant, and strong.	Most counter-arguments were accurate, relevant, and strong.	Most counter-arguments were accurate and relevant, but several were weak.	Some counter-arguments were weak and irrelevant.	Counter arguments were not accurate or relevant.	
Evidence	Every major point was well supported with relevant facts, statistics, expert testimony, and/or examples.	Every major point was adequately supported with relevant facts, statistics, expert testimony, and/or examples.	Every major point was supported with facts, statistics, expert testimony, and/or examples, but the relevance of some were questionable.	Some points were well supported with evidence, others were not.	All points were not supported with evidence.	
Organization	All arguments were clearly tied to an idea and organized in a logical fashion.	Most arguments were clearly tied to an idea and organized in a logical fashion.	Most arguments were clearly tied to an idea, but some were not organized in a logical fashion.	Some ideas were clearly tied to an idea and organized in a logical fashion.	Arguments were not clearly tied to an idea or organized in a logical fashion.	
Confidence	Clearly understood the topic in depth and presented the information convincingly.	Understood the topic in depth and presented the information with ease.	Understood the main points of the topic and presented the information with ease.	Understood the main points of the topic, but did not present with ease.	Did not show an adequate understanding of the topic.	

Total Points:

Comments: