**Debate Procedures**

Total time for each debate will be approximately **45 minutes.**

1. For each topic, there will be a **five-minute** unbiased introduction. This neutral introduction will be assigned to someone other than the two teams in a particular debate.

2. Following the unbiased introduction, there will be a **seven-minute** statement by the first team outlining their plan to implement the given topic. Only during this seven minute presentations are teams allowed to use Powerpoint slides. The PPT slides can contain text and only two colors (including background and text).

3. This will be followed by a **three-minute**cross-examination by the second team. This is an opportunity for the second team to clarify points made by the first team. This time is only for clarification, not for the actual debate.

4. The Second team then gives their **seven-minute** statement. Ideally, they will anticipate some of what the first team has to say and will have enough data researched to be able to show the flaws and problems with the first team's plan. The second team usually does not present an alternative plan, as the status quo is often the alternative.

5. The first team will then have an opportunity for a **three-minute**cross examination of the second team's argument. This time is also only for clarification.

6. Two-minute second team rebuttal

7. Two-minute first team rebuttal

8. Two-minute second team rebuttal

9. Two-minute first team rebuttal

10. Questions from the judges and the audience (10 minutes)

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