

GLOBAL DEBATE LEAGUE 2016/17 JUDGING CRITERIA

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| <p>Opening statement</p> | <p>Clearly states the team's position. Explains what arguments are going to be put forward in the Main Argument post and why. Is credible. Demonstrates understanding of counter arguments anticipated from the other team and seeks to minimize their impact. Is focused and succinct. Leaves you wanting to find out more.</p> |
| <p>Main argument</p> | <p>Includes at least three assertions. Each assertion is backed up with reasoning (why) and evidence. Builds a logical argument. Is persuasive and convincing. Is well-researched. Is properly referenced.</p> |
| <p>Rebuttal</p> | <p>Directly challenges each of the assertions made by the other team. Effectively questions the fact, relevance, logic or analysis of the arguments put forward by the other team. Is well-researched. Is properly referenced. Is respectful.</p> |
| <p>Right to reply</p> | <p>Offers a convincing response to the rebuttal claims of the other team. Explains why the original arguments are still valid. Introduces a new argument if needed to add strength to the case. Is respectful. Is knowledgeable.</p> |
| <p>Closing statement</p> | <p>Summarises the main arguments put forward in the debate. Explains why the arguments they put forward are more persuasive than those of the other team. Sticks to information already used in the debate, ie no new information introduced. Is persuasive. Is well-composed. Feels like a logical conclusion to the debate.</p> |