

INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

# PARLIAMENTARY DEBATING

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Round \_\_\_\_\_

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Judges in the room: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write down the code and name of each debater

Government		Opposition		
Prime Minister	2nd Government	Categories	1st Opposition	Leader of Opp.
		Analysis & Organization /20		
		Logic & Evidence /20		
		Teamwork /10		
		Delivery /30		
		Clash & Refutation /20		
		<b>Individual Totals /100</b>		
		<b>Team Totals /200</b>		

Note: If the sum of the categories doesn't equal the total score, we will assume that we should use the overall total unless you check here: \_\_\_\_\_ Use the sum of the categories

Comments:

Government

Opposition:

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**Scoring Guidelines (For Individual Scores)**

50 - 59  
Poor

60 - 69  
Weak

70 - 79  
Average

80 - 89  
Very Good

90 - 100  
Superb

## PARLIAMENTARY RULES

- The debates will be impromptu, co-ordinate debates in parliamentary style. Each team will consist of two debaters who have been paired randomly but who are not from the same school.

- A list of topics will be presented to the teams 30 minutes before the start of the debate. One team (designated on the schedule) will choose the topic, after which the other team will select the side that it will take. Different lists of topics will be used for each round. During the preliminary rounds, each debater will choose the topic once and the side once.

- Government teams will prepare in the rooms allocated for each debate. The opposition teams will prepare outside of the room 10 minutes prior to the start of the debate, the opposition will get the definition from the government. If the opposition feels that the government definition is undebatable, it must appeal to the tournament director, whose decision is final. The definition may not be changed or challenged during the debate.

- The length and order of speeches are as follows:

Prime Minister	5 minutes
First Opposition Speaker	8 minutes
Minister of the Crown	8 minutes
Leader of the Opposition	8 minutes
Prime Minister's Rebuttal	3 minutes

- 30 seconds grace will be allowed for each debater, after which the Speaker shall terminate his speech. There is no minimum time for speeches, nor are there any time penalties.

- The debates will be governed by the attached Rules of Parliamentary Debate. However, since different parts of the country have different debating traditions, picayune quibbling over rules is not encouraged. Debaters are advised to debate the resolutions and not the rules.

- The results of the debate will be based entirely upon speaker's points. Win/loss records are irrelevant.

- Heckling and parliamentary points are allowed but should not be so frequent that they prevent the opposing debater from having a fair opportunity to speak. Debaters from the West Coast may find that there is far less heckling, etc. than they are used to.

- Debaters will have a different partner for each of the 2 preliminary rounds.

## PARLIAMENTARY INTERRUPTIONS PERMITTED

- Points of order are raised when the person speaking has broken the rules of the house (e.g., overtime, not addressing Mr. Speaker, using inappropriate language, introducing new arguments in the rebuttal of the Prime Minister. (The Speaker decides. The person speaking must stop speaking until the Speaker has made his/her decision.)

- Points of privilege are raised if a member has been misquoted, significantly misrepresented, or personally insulted. (The Speaker decides. See above.)

- Heckles are brief comments from other members. They should not be so frequent as to limit the member's having a fair chance to speak.