



3rd Annual Frederick Douglass Debate Society Tournament

Tournament Guidelines University Center East Stroudsburg University Friday, April 7, 2017

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Debate Headquarters: ESU University Center, Room 206A

Schedule

8:30 a.m.	Check-In, ESU University Center 206A, Tournament HQ	Coaches must check in at Tournament HQ & verify their team roster. Note: Breakfast bar available at the hotel.
9:00 a.m.	First Round	All debate teams will compete in four preliminary rounds of competition. On the day of tournament a schedule will be posted indicating which teams compete against each other and in what room.
10:00 a.m.	Second Round	
11:00 a.m.	Third Round	
12:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
2:00 p.m.	Fourth Round	
3:00 p.m.	Semi-finals	Top four teams advance to semi-finals, based on win/loss record in the four preliminary rounds.
4:00 p.m.	Finals	Top two teams compete for championship. University Center, Student Senate Chambers.
5:00 p.m.	Dinner & Awards Banquet	

Debate Guidelines

Format

Two-person team debate. Each competing university may register up to seven (7) teams.

Assigning Affirmative and Opposition

Assignments for the preliminary rounds will be announced at the beginning of the tournament. In prelims, teams alternate between arguing the Affirmative side in some rounds and the Opposition side in other rounds, depending on the luck of the draw. Most teams will have two Aff prelim rounds and two Opp prelim rounds. For elimination rounds, a coin toss will determine Aff/Opp assignments.

Topic

Resolved: The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) should adopt a System-wide policy prohibiting hate speech on campuses.

Research Prize

Each year, a prize is awarded for the squad that provides the best research. To be eligible for the prize, the coach must turn in a research packet to the tournament director at the beginning of the tournament. Squads may use any style for their bibliography (Chicago, MLA, APA, etc), as long as the format is consistent and complete citations for all sources are provided.

Judges

Each school is asked to provide at least one judge per round. Please have your judge check in at the Debate Headquarters prior to each round in order to receive a room assignment.

Role of the Judge

A judge determines the winner and loser of each round. Judges are usually college professors or community members with debate experience. Judges assign points (0-2) in each of ten area for a maximum score of 20 points. The team with the highest point value wins. (Sample ballots are below)

Team Score Sheet

Immediately after each round, debaters are given a "Team Score Sheet" from the judge. The score sheet details the judge's decision. Debaters can use this feedback to prepare for their next rounds.

Use of Evidence and Academic Integrity

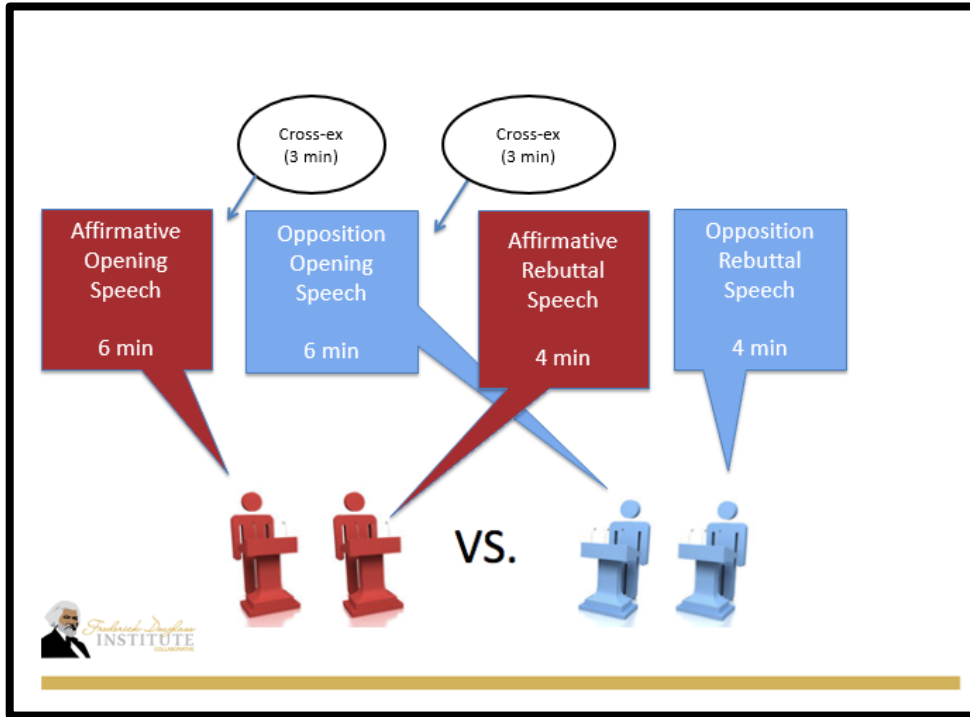
Debaters are expected to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Upon request, debaters must be prepared to provide full citations for all evidence read in a round. Debaters may request to see the evidence of opposing teams. If a judge determines that a team has falsified or misused evidence, the team loses the round.

Electronic Devices

Debaters may use devices such as laptops and tablets.

SPEAKING ORDER

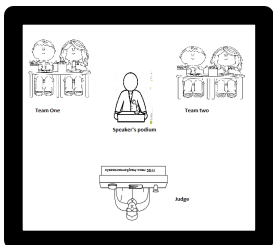
- Affirmative opening speech (6 minutes)
- Cross examination (3 minutes)
- Opposition opening speech (6 minutes)
- Cross examination (3 minutes)
- Affirmative rebuttal speech (4 minutes)
- Opposition rebuttal speech (4 minutes)



Cross Examination: There are two cross-ex periods. Cross ex always follows an opening speech. Whichever team member is not about to speak next should conduct cross-ex.

Timing Speeches: Judges are the official time keepers of each round. However, debaters should time themselves. Debaters also have the right to time their opponents and to make a point of order to the judge, should the opponents go significantly over time.

Preparation time: Each team has a grand total of five minutes of preparation time, which they can use at any point. The judge is the official time keeper for preparation time, although teams should also time themselves.



Room Diagram. Debaters speak from a standing position at the speaker's podium. Debaters should direct their speech towards the judge, rather than the other team.

DEBATE BALLOT

Judges will award points in the following areas

	For each area please indicate a score of: 0 = needs improvement 1 = good 2 = excellent
Made strong arguments	
Organized arguments well	
Responded to arguments of the other team	
Constructed creative arguments	
Used high quality, relevant evidence	
Spoke expressively, knowledgably and passionately	
Spoke clearly, at an appropriate speed	
Spoke with an appropriate volume, in a style suitable for the format	
Worked together as a team	
Managed time well	
<i>Total Score:</i>	

The judge may write comments below: