

PENNSYLVANIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH LEAGUE

Parliamentary Debate

ROUND: _____ ROOM: _____ JUDGE'S NAME: _____ JUDGE'S CODE: _____

MOTION: This House believes that: _____

- Parliamentary Debate is a free-flowing, three person debate focused primarily on the government's definition of the resolution that relies on logical argumentation over factual evidence.
- Government defines the resolution and "this house", which identifies where the judge and competitors should frame the debate.
- Opposition adheres to the Government's definitions unless they make it impossible to debate.
- Anything not defined by the government including "this house" can be defined by the opposition and will become the standard for the round.
- The Opposition may present their own argument, but the Opposition's case should be secondary in importance and the focus of the round should be on the resolution as the Government has defined it.
- No new arguments may be made after the 1st set of Member speeches.

30-29 = Outstanding, 28-27 = Exceptional Performance, 27-26 = Above Average, 25-24 = Adequate, 23-22 = Below Average, 21-20 = Needs Improvement

Government:

Team code:	Team Points out of 30
(List speaker names below)	
Prime Minister	
Member of Gov 1	
Member of Gov 2	
TOTAL TEAM POINTS (MAXIMUM OF 30)	

Opposition:

Team code:	Team Points out of 30
(List speaker names below)	
Leader of Opp	
Member of Opp 1	
Member of Opp 2	
TOTAL TEAM POINTS (MAXIMUM OF 30)	

Low point wins are not permitted!

Reason for decision:

<p>Speech Times:</p> <p>PM – 6 minutes L of Opp – 6 minutes Gov 1 – 6 minutes Opp 1 – 6 minutes Gov 2 – 6 minutes Opp 1 – 6 minutes Rebuttal (L of Opp or Opp 1) - 3 minutes Rebuttal (PM or Gov 1) - 3 minutes</p> <p>First and last minute of each speech and both reply/rebuttal speeches are protected time, which should be indicated with a knock on the desk.</p> <p>There is no prep time between speeches.</p>
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The winning team was the: (circle one) Government Opposition

Judge's signature _____ School _____ Date _____

**Everyone is expected to be a respectful audience member.
 A judge's rank may reflect a contestant's disrespect to other competitors during the round**