



Virtual DebateFest Competition Process

All Drafts are subject to modification as we work to improve for students

Compete. Collaborate. Conquer.

Virtual DebateFest Steps

Step 1: Virtual Meeting Room

All students meet in the large virtual meeting room.

Step 2: Topic Distribution

Participants receive their debate topic.

Example Topic:

"Resolved: Technology does more harm than good in teenagers' lives."

Step 3: Room Assignments

Students are assigned to a debate room.

Examples:

1. Debate Room 1
2. Debate Room 2
3. Debate Room 3
4. Debate Room 4

Step 4: Research Period

Students conduct research on the assigned topic.

Participants gather evidence, prepare arguments, and organize supporting information.

Step 5: Judge Briefing

Judges are briefed and assigned to debate rooms.

Judge preparation includes:

- Judging criteria
- Rules and procedures
- Scoring rubric
- Question and answer procedures

Example Assignments:

- Round 1 – Room 1
- Round 1 – Room 2
- Round 2 – Room 2
- Round 3 – Room 3

Step 6: Round 1

Students compete in their first debate round.

Teams present arguments, rebut opposing viewpoints, and respond to questions.

Step 7: Round 2

Students advance to the second debate round.

Judges evaluate:

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Evidence
- Organization

- Rebuttal effectiveness

Step 8: Round 3

Students compete in the final preliminary debate round.

Scores are recorded and rankings are determined.

Step 9: Results and Finalists

Judges' scores are tallied.

Competition officials determine:

- Team rankings
- Individual rankings
- Finalist selections

Step 10: Awards Ceremony

Awards are presented to participants and winners.

Recognition may include:

- Champion Team
- Runner-Up Team
- Best Speaker
- Outstanding Researcher
- Leadership Awards

Congratulations to All Participants !

Thank you for participating in DebateFest.

Prepare Well.

Speak Boldly.

Listen Carefully.

Debate Respectfully.

