

DEBATES

Recognition

The first step in making any debate is getting recognition from the chair! You will start by rising from your seat and stating "Madame/Mister" and then the position of the chair.

Ex: "Madame President"

Introduction

The next step in this process is to state your introduction. This will explain whether you are for or against the motion at hand.

Ex: "I believe this is a great motion!"

More examples can be found on the next page.

Debate Introductions

Agreeance

I'm in favor of this motion

I believe this is a wonderful idea

I see that this motion has great potential

I am in full support of this motion

I feel we should continue action on this motion

This is an amazing motion

I stand in favor of this subject

Opposition

I believe we should not proceed with this motion

I am against this motion

I think that this is a terrible idea

I believe we should expel the motion as a whole

I cannot endorse this idea

I'm inclined to disagree with this subject

This motion would be a step in the wrong direction

Statement & Reasoning

After stating your introduction you will then follow it by your statement and reasoning. This is going to be why you feel this way about the motion, and what information is backing you up.

Ex: "Our chapter has had a lot of expenses lately, and could use a fundraiser."

Closing

To end your debate you will state a closing to finish it off. This is to restate your opinion on the motion and try to get others to join your side.

Ex: "Please get behind me on passing this motion!"

Debate Conclusions

Agreeance

Get behind me on passing this motion
Follow me in carrying this motion
I would appreciate your support in the voting
Help me in bringing this motion to light
Join me in voting affirmative on this motion
Stand with me on passing this motion

Opposition

Get behind me on failing this motion
Follow me in the failing this motion
Get with me on terminating this motion
Let's band together and squash this motion
Join me in voting negative on the motion
Stand behind me in failing this motion
Help me slam the door on this motion

Rules of Discussion

Rule of the Chair



The chair should maintain strict impartiality during discussion.

Rule of Recognition



No member should speak until recognized by the chair.

Rule of Discussion



Only one question should be considered at any given time.