

# BOOT CAMP DEBATE RULES

## Introduction

1 speaker per team.

Presentation of the line of argument.

It serves as an index for the judges, for the other team and for the public, so that the debate will be easier to follow.

The GOVERNMENT starts, the OPPOSITION continues.

*3 minutes per team.*

## Debate

The OPPOSITION starts, exposing the first point, then from there the confrontation begins, managed independently by the teams, by show of hands.

The moderator will keep time; when a member of the team who is not speaking raises their hand to speak, they will have to tell the moderator "question" (if they intend to ask a question to the team that is speaking) or "argument" (if they intend to respond to a provocation, clarify a point or simply take dialogue in hand and introduce a new argument). In the first case, the "interrupting" speaker will speak at the expense of the team that was speaking; in the second case, the time of the "interrupting" speaker's team will start.

Synthesis:

question → the time of the team that is speaking goes

argument → the time of the "interrupting" speaker is started and it goes until a new interruption by the opposing team.

The speakers of the same team in their own time can help each other and pass the word on their own.

Should the speakers not prove capable of handling the debate without raising their voices and speaking over each other, the moderator will interrupt the time until the participants haven't calmed down.

When one of the two teams runs out of time, the opposing team can choose whether to use all the time left or not.

*5 minutes per team, timed with a chess timer (total 10 minutes)*

## Conclusion

1 speaker per team.

The team that ran out of time first begins.

In this phase, the speaker must resume the salient points of the dialogue to demonstrate the fallacy of the opponent's position and the strength of his own, but also highlighting an evolution in his own thinking, enriched by the stimuli coming from the confrontation.

*2 minutes per team.*

## Judgement

The criteria are those of the validity of the content of the arguments, the strategy with which they are arranged and the style with which they are presented. Particular attention will be paid to the questions asked: they must be short and relevant. Any periphrases and digressions intended to waste the other team's time will damage the final evaluation.

There is no tie.