

Debating Rules

- No put downs
- You must raise your hand if it's not your time to speak.
- Do not interrupt.
- Do not whisper while another speaker is talking.
- The debate is chaired by the Speaker, they make decisions on all matters, which are final.
- Remember - you can only speak ONCE during the debate. Your speech should be within the allotted time frame. Make the most of your time by developing an argument instead of making a single point.
- However, you may 'intervene' (question others on points they make) as many times as you like. E.g. Where did you get those statistics?
- You can use notes – both to help you with your speech and to help remember points others have made during the debate.
- If you are an audience member and wish to speak, you must wait until the motion is 'open to the floor' and put up your hand to speak.
- You should tell the Speaker if you spot someone breaking these rules. This is called a point of order.

