# Rules

## Teams

Each team shall have three speakers. Each speaker shall speak once.

Each team *must* have at least one first year competitor (novice) from Congress, Debate, or Speech.

## Choosing a Topic

Before the start of the round, both sides shall choose a topic to propose (see topics below) by:

1. One team shall propose a topic of the three provided. If the second team accepts, the second team shall choose what side they are on.
2. If the second team does not accept, they shall propose a different topic. If the first team accepts, the first team will choose what side they are on.
3. If neither topic is accepted, the third topic shall be used, and the sides will be determined on a coin toss.

After the coin toss, each side will have 5 minutes to prepare their opening statements.

## Structure

1st speaker team A Constructive: 5 minutes  
1st Speaker team B Constructive: 5 minutes  
Question period: 2 minutes  
2nd Speaker team A constructive/rebuttal: 5 minutes  
2nd Speaker team B constructive/rebuttal: 5 minutes  
Question period: 2 minutes  
3rd Speaker team A final rebuttal: 5 minutes  
3rd Speaker team B final rebuttal: 5 minutes

## Question Periods and Audience Support

Anyone can ask a question during rounds (including the audience).

To signal having a question, the questioner shall place one hand on the back of their head and the other hand out, open, and up.

A speaker may refuse the question by waving the questioner down.

Anyone can demonstrate support for a given point by banging on their table or clapping their knee.

## Deciding a Winner

The winning team shall be decided by audience vote.

# Today’s Topics

This House resolves to be Batman.

This House resolves *Die Hard* is a Christmas movie.

This House resolves resolves to tax meat at 500 percent.