

Dusty Roads Invitational Speech Tournament December 5th-6th, 2014

Parliamentary Debate Exhibition Event

Parliamentary Debate will be offered as an Exhibition event. Rounds will be held at Capital High School, with Speech and Legislative Debate. They WILL NOT be held at Carroll College. Send your teams with the speechies.

Each school may enter up to two (2) teams of two (2) students each.

These teams WILL NOT earn sweepstakes points, but can earn NFL points (Coaches Discretion). These teams will be charged normal registration.

If we have 16+ Teams entered a Quarterfinals round will be held, otherwise Parli will break straight to Semifinals. A special prize will be awarded to the victorious team, and top prelim speaker.

WHAT IS "PARLI"? Parli is an event best described as Extemporaneous Team Debate, similar to the event many of us participated in during college, and also the Ted Turner Debate popular in other States. It's focus is on analysis, eloquence, and argumentation rather than evidence and cards.

Parli is a flighted event, lasting less time than a typical LD or PF round so that students can prepare. When the rounds are posted, Flight A will be given their Resolution and twenty (20) minutes to prepare using whatever resources they have brought with them, but NOT the internet. Thirty-Five (35) Minutes later, Flight B will be given a separate resolution in time (Approx 20 Minutes again) to prepare for their debate.

Once in the room (at the end of the twenty minute period) teams cannot refer to any resources other than Dictionaries AND/OR their memories. Arguments should be built on common knowledge and common sense! In addition to the preparation period, teams will be allocated two (2) minutes each during the round to prepare between speeches.

Speaking Times:

- 5 Minutes Prime Minister (Government Team) Constructive
- 6 Minutes Leader of the Opposition Constructive
- 6 Minutes Member of the Government Constructive
- 6 Minutes Member of the Opposition Constructive
- 3 Minutes Leader of the Opposition Rebuttal (No New Arguments!)
- 4 Minutes Prime Minister Rebuttal (No New Arguments!)

CROSS-X: There is no established cross examination period in "Parli". When a debater wishes to ask a question, they are encouraged to stand (respectfully) and wait to be recognized by the speaker. The speaker is encouraged to pause and take questions when they have finished their thought, but is under no obligation to do so. If they do not feel they have the time to take a question, they are encourage to politely inform the other party so that they can be seated. After asking their question, the debater should immediately sit and await the answer. Follow-up questions require a second recognition and are discouraged. Any debater may rise to ask a question, even the speaker's own team member.

HECKLING: Though commonly in practice at the college level, it is discouraged for this event.

RESOLUTIONS: Expect a variety of Value; Policy; Res-Fact; and Funky!

At the Bozeman tournament Coaches will be given the opportunity to create a list from which resolutions will be drawn.

BELOW is the JUDGES HANDBOOK, two sheets that will be stapled to one of the two policy ballots given to the judges. The judges will not be given resolutions to avoid A/B confusion.

JUDGE'S HANDBOOK: Parliamentary Debate (Exhibition Event)

Hello! And thank you for judging our FIRST TIME EVER exhibition event. Because this event is not official, the attached ballot is full of information you don't need. We apologize for the confusion. When in doubt, refer first to this sheet, and second, to your own judgment.

You will be judging two flights, or separate debates. Each debate will have a unique "resolution" that the competitors have spent twenty minutes preparing. Feel free to ask them to write the resolution on the board. There will be two teams:

The GOVERNMENT argues for their interpretation of the Resolution and is composed of:

The PRIME MINISTER (PM) -and-

The MEMBER of the GOVERNMENT (MG)

The OPPOSITION argues against the government's interpretation and is composed of:

The LEADER of the OPPOSITION (LO) -and-

The MEMBER of the OPPOSITION (MO)

SPEECH TIMES: PM =5min; LO =6min; MG= 6min; MO= 6min; LO= Rebuttal =3min; PM Rebuttal= 4min)

The last two speeches are rebuttals. You should ignore "New" arguments made during rebuttals.

KEY: In PARLI, with the exception of *dictionaries* NO EVIDENCE should be brought into the round. If you see a team reading from printed pages or electronic devices (either when speaking or when sitting) you should record this fact on the ballot. Don't let it decide the winner; just inform us that a rule was broken.

The Attached Ballot (again, this ballot is not for this event) contains places to record your comments, the winning team in the round, and "speaker points" which we use to break ties.

For speaker points, please ignore the categories on the ballot and focus more on what appeals to you personally. They range from 20 (Lowest) to 30 (highest). We do urge that you focus on etiquette and politeness given the nature of the event. Specifically, students ask questions by standing during the speech and waiting to be recognized by the speaker. We consider it rude to do any of the following:

SPEAKER: Not take any questions at all. Three is the traditional amount.

SPEAKER: Allowing a questioner to stand and wait. The speaker should finish their thought before taking questions, but should inform the questioner if the wait will be long or if they have no time.

QUESTIONER: Trying to ask question too early in speech (Generally before one minute).

QUESTIONER: Not sitting down immediately after asking their question.

QUESTIONER: Trying to debate the speaker or asking "Follow-Up" questions.

ANY: Speaking louder than a whisper during a competitor's speech.

The OPPOSITION may urge you to "Vote for Them" based on Topicality (also called Resolutionality or simply, "T"). This strategy exists for when the resolution obviously calls for a specific interpretation and the government opts to interpret it in an unexpected or unfair way. Not all resolutions will have obvious interpretations however. You are welcome to vote on "T", but we encourage you to not reward teams that only argue "T" without trying to argue against the Government's interpretation no matter how strange or unexpected it is.

THIS HOUSE is the phrase all resolutions begin with. "This House" is composed of the teams in the room and you, the judge, casting the final decisive vote. The government team has the right to define "This House" as they like. The five of you might be the U.S. Congress, Supreme Court, or the governing body of North Korea! The Government team might even choose a fictional legislative body such as Star Trek's Federation of Planets, or one from History such as The Roman Senate. Unless the Opposition can successfully convince you the Government is using their power abusively, allow them benefit of the doubt.

Some resolutions will be POLICY or VALUE in design. Others may be interpreted into POLICY or VALUE debates. Below are explanations of debate terms used in these types of debates.

VALUE DEBATE

VALUE: A measure of a proposals worth, e.g. Gold is valued by weight.

CRITERION: A means of measuring, e.g. weight is measured with a scale.

POLICY DEBATE

HARMS: Problems existing in the Status Quo, the defined world (current/fictional/historical). The government will first introduce harms and then a plan to solve those harms.

PLANKS: Each individual aspect of the plan. Funding and enforcement can come from “Normal Means”

FIAT: A fancy Latin term used in debate by the Government. We should assume only one vote is needed to go ahead with their plan.

YOUR VOTE. Opposition should not claim, “Congress will never pass this”.

SOLVENCY: Introduced after plan, arguments that prove plan will solve each harm introduced earlier.

ADVANTAGES: Arguments introduced after Solvency that show additional advantages to plan.

DISADVANTAGES: Also called Disads or DAs. Run by the opposition to show problems that do not currently exist that are created by plan. DAs should be UNIQUE, meaning that other plans or the Status Quo do not also cause these problems. They are specific to the Government plan.

COUNTERPLAN: The opposition may offer a plan of their own to solve the Government’s harms.

PERM(utation): Counterplans should either be “Mutually Exclusive” meaning they cannot occur at same time as the Government’s plan, or “Nontopical”/“Nonresolutional” meaning that they do not fit within the framework of the resolution as interpreted by the Government. If counterplan is neither of these two things, then the Government can call “Perm” and steal counterplan. If they do so, then the Government is now proposing a new plan composed of the planks of both Plan and Counterplan put together.

THANKS AGAIN for judging our event! Remember, this is the first meet ever for this event, and the students may need some encouragement and patience. Just use your best judgment and HAVE FUN!

-- HELENA HIGH / CAPITAL HIGH COACHING STAFF