

Integrity Matters ROLE OF THE MODERATOR

The role of The Moderator is to control the debate and ensure it is conducted in an orderly and effective manner. The Moderator should sit between the two teams. The Moderator must remain impartial during the entire debate. The Moderator has absolute control over all procedural aspects of the debates, and his or her decision on these matters is final.

VENUES AND DATES

Venue for debates: Cipriani Labour College
Preliminaries – March 11/12 at 6.30pm
Semi-Finals, Final and Prize giving – March 18 at 6pm

DEBATE TEAMS FOR 2014

- Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business
 - Caribbean Nazarene College
 - COSTAATT
 - SITAL College
 - The Institute of International Relations
 - University of the Southern Caribbean
 - University of Trinidad and Tobago
 - University of the West Indies
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- Each Team shall consist of two Speakers and one substitute Speaker (known as 'Members')
 - Speakers may be substituted between debating nights only if absolutely necessary, and the Commission must be advised up front.
 - Speakers may not be substituted during a Debate

DEBATE LENGTHS

AFFIRMATIVE

Affirmative 1 – 8 mins

Affirmative 2 – 7 mins

Summation – 3 mins

NEGATIVE

Negative 1 – 8 mins

Negative 2 – 7 mins

Summation – 3 mins

PREPARING FOR THE DEBATES

Members

- Debaters (Members) should arrive at the venue 45 minutes before the debate begins.
- Members may use printed material during preparation and during the Debate. Printed material includes books, journals, newspapers and other similar materials. The use of electronic equipment is prohibited during preparation and in the debate.
- The use of props, bad language, racial or religious slurs, derogatory or insulting comments are not permitted.

Set Up

- Make sure the room is set up correctly, and that the Adjudicators have all information they may require, including the motions to be debated, the institutions debating them, and the names of the members.
- Introduce yourself to the debaters, the Adjudicators and the Timekeeper. You will be introducing them to the audience, so make sure that you have written down the speakers' names in the order they will be speaking, noting especially which speakers will be making the summary speeches.
- Ensure the Adjudicators are comfortable with their ability to see and hear the debate, and have been provided with scoring sheets.
- Ensure that the competitors are present and seated. The proposition team should sit on your right, the opposition team on your left.
- Obtain the names of the persons from the debating teams who are making the Summations.

IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE DEBATES

- Say "I call this Debate to order." Then give a brief speech of introduction, which includes the following:
 - Welcome the Adjudicators, the audience, and the debating teams to the Integrity Commission of Trinidad and Tobago's Integrity Matters Debates Championship
 - Thank the Convener (the Integrity Commission) and all those who have helped the Championship take place.
 - Introduce the Adjudicators and the Timekeeper:
 - Mr. Martin Daly, SC, Former Head of the Law Association
 - Mr. Christo Gift, SC, Chairman of the Tobago Forum for Consensus on the Constitution
 - Dr. Marjorie Thorpe, former Ambassador to the UN and Chairman of the Public Service Commission.
 - Describe the format of the debate including the timing requirements. Mention how long each speech will be for, giving the minimum and maximum times, and calling upon the Timekeeper to demonstrate the sound of warning.
 - A bell will be rung at 1 minute, which opens the floor to Points of Interests.
 - In the case of the first speakers on either side, the bell will be rung at 7 minutes, and a double bell at 8 minutes, and at regular intervals after that.

- In the case of the second speakers on either side, the bell will be rung at 6 minutes, and a double bell at 7 minutes, and at regular intervals after that.

- For each debate, read the motion and introduce the two teams. Name their institutions and read the name of each speaker. Before you do this, please ensure that the Adjudicators are ready to begin.
- Then call on the speakers in the following order, thanking them each as they finish: First Proposition, First Opposition, Second Proposition, and Second Opposition.
- No amendment to the Motion is permitted.
- After the fourth speech (the Second Opposition) call on the teams to make their summary speeches. Remember that the Proposition summary comes first. No Points of Information are allowed during these Summation speeches.
- During Debating Rounds announce a ten-minute break between debates (to allow for seating of the new teams) and then move on into the next debate, and follow the same pattern.

AFTER THE DEBATES

- At the Preliminary Stage, there are four rounds, two per night.
- The Adjudicators will announce winners each night, in each of the rounds. So, there is a winner in each of Rounds 1-4.
- When the two rounds have been concluded, invite the Adjudicators to convene for a few minutes to reach their verdicts. The Adjudicators will advise the Moderator when they have decided the results. The Moderator will advise the Chief Adjudicator to deliver the results to the Teams and the audience.
- When the Adjudicators are ready, call the House to order again and invite the Adjudicators to announce the results and to offer their comments.
- Finally, make a brief concluding speech, congratulating the winners, thanking the Adjudicators and everyone else for coming, and the Convener.

HEATS

- Four teams in total will go forward after the Preliminaries to the Semi-Finals.
- 2 teams will go forward from the Semi-Finals to debate the last Finals.
- One winning institution will be declared the National Winner and will take home the Integrity Matters Challenge Trophy!
- The Trophy and prizes will be given immediately after the final debate.

Note: In case of a draw in any of the debates, the teams will be required to debate on a random theme for a total of 5 minutes each, and the winner from that play off will move forward.

GENERAL CHAIRING SKILLS

- The Moderator should ensure that speakers keep to the time limits. Speakers should not be interrupted if they exceed the time limit by a few

seconds, but if they continue speaking for more than thirty seconds after a double bell, ask them to stop immediately.

Points of Interest

- Points of Information (PoI) may only be made by the opposing team
- PoI may be requested between the **1** minute and the **7** minute bells (first speakers) or **6** minute bell (second speakers)
- The person making the POI must not take more than **15** seconds to do so or the Moderator will close them down.
- Acceptance of a PoI is at the discretion of the Member holding the floor
- No more than 2 PoI are permitted per Presentation
- To ask a PoI, a Member should stand, place one hand on his or her head and extend the other towards the Member speaking. The Member announces that he or she would like to ask a "Point of Information".
- No PoI are permitted during the Summary presentations
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- You may need to remind the audience or the competitors of the courteous behaviour expected from them, for example when there is excessive talking. It is your job to ask them to be quiet. Competitors are allowed to speak quietly during the debate but if a competitor is speaking loudly during an opponent's speech, it is recommended that you pass them a note telling them to stop.
- The Moderator should intervene if the speaker or any person present is conducting him or her self in an unseemly manner, or using personal abuse or offensive language.
- The Moderator may also warn, and has the discretion to take action against any member of the House who acts in a discourteous manner, harasses the speaker holding the Floor, or obstructs the debate in any way.
- If absolutely necessary, the Moderator can ask that the clock be stopped while he or she intervenes. However, every effort should be made not to interrupt a speaker.

MODERATOR INTRODUCTION FORMAT

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen. Welcome to tonight's debate.
My name is and I am the Moderator
and is the timekeeper. The
Adjudicators are Mr./Miss/Mrs.

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The topic of this debate is "Be it resolved that: "(topic).
The Affirmative Team seated to my right is from (school).
The Negative Team seated to my left is from (school).

The speaking time for this debate is 7 to 8¼ minutes. A single bell will sound 1 minute before the speaking time commences (*indicate to Timekeeper to ring bell once*) and a double bell will sound at the speaking time (*indicate to Timekeeper to ring bell twice*). Please ensure that your mobile phones are switched off (*wait if needed*).

I declare this debate open and call upon the First Affirmative speaker
..... (name and school)
(*Wait for the Timekeeper's signal before calling each speaker*)

I call upon the First Negative speaker
..... (name and school)

I call upon the Second Affirmative
speaker.....(name and school)

I call upon the Second Negative
speaker.....(name and school)

I call upon the Third Affirmative speaker
.....(name and school)

I call upon the Third Negative speaker
.....(name and school)

Thank the teams that have just debated, invite the audience to take a 10-minute break at the next debate will start promptly then. Invite the Adjudicators to complete their deliberations.

At the end of Night 2 of the Preliminaries, the Adjudicators will send forward 4 teams, 1 winner from each of the 4 rounds.

On Night 3, after the Semi-Finals, the Adjudicators will put forward 2 teams for the Finals. The Adjudicators will be invited to give their results after the Semi-Finals and the Finals.

Immediately following the Finals there will be the Prize-giving followed by refreshments.

MOTIONS NIGHT ONE, PRELIMINARY A

ROUND 1

"Be it resolved that Trinidad and Tobago should have one national holiday to celebrate the unity of all our people as opposed to continuing in the way that presently exists."

Arthur Lok Jack Graduate School of Business (Affirmative) vs
University of the Southern Caribbean (Negative)

ROUND 2

"Be it resolved that many aspects of Trinidad and Tobago's culture compromise integrity."

Caribbean Nazarene College (Affirmative) vs **The Institute of International Relations** (Negative)

NIGHT TWO, PRELIMINARY B

ROUND 3

"Be it resolved that weak law enforcement is the primary cause for rampant white collar crime in Trinidad and Tobago."

COSTAATT (Affirmative) vs
University of Trinidad and Tobago (Negative)

ROUND 4

"Be it resolved that Trinidad and Tobago is a divide and conquer democracy."

University of the West Indies (Affirmative) vs
SITAL College (Negative)

NIGHT 3, SEMI-FINALS

ROUND 5

"Be it resolved that upholding integrity in Trinidad and Tobago is everybody's responsibility, not just Persons in Public Life and persons exercising public functions."

Winners, Preliminary A Round 1 (Affirmative) vs
Winners, Preliminary A Round 2 (Negative)

ROUND 6

"Be it resolved that the Licensing Authority (Transport Division) is a help, not a hindrance, to the citizens of Trinidad and Tobago."

Winners, Preliminary B Round 3 (Affirmative) vs
Winners, Preliminary B Round 4 (Negative)

FINAL

ROUND 7

"Be it resolved that Trinidad and Tobago's ranking on Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index is a valid indicator of the national reality."

Winners, Preliminary A (Affirmative) vs
Winners, Preliminary B (Negative)

DEBATE FROM THE FLOOR (PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD)

As we are all finding our feet, it is recommended that we consider this for next year.

As an alternative, a vote and floor discussion could be held after the debates on the night of the Finals.

The process would be something like this...

Vote before the floor debate

The voting ballots are distributed. The Moderator briefs the audience about the intention of the voting:

"Keep in mind that this vote is not based on what you think about the resolution. Instead, your vote should indicate which side you think has been the most persuasive tonight. In other words, imagine you do not have an opinion, one way or the other, and ask yourself which side has presented the most compelling case."

Floor discussion

Moderator hosts the Floor discussion, opening it with words along the lines of:

"We have heard the entire debate. Now it is the turn of the audience to determine which side has been the most persuasive."

The discussion may include comments from the audience about the topic, the resolution, the contents of the speeches or the style and strategy of the debating teams. The Moderator must remain impartial during the entire discussion. The Moderator must ensure that criticism of the debaters does not become excessive. At some point in the discussion, the Moderator should ask the informal question:

"Did your opinion change because of the debate?"

When the Adjudicators return to the room, conclude the roundtable discussion. Introduce the Adjudicators. After the Chair of the Adjudicators has rendered the verdict, return to the podium and announce the result of the popular vote:

"The vote was # in favor of the _____ and # in favor of the _____. I declare the motion [Carried/Defeated]." In the case of a tie, the Moderator casts the deciding vote.

Invite the leader of the winning team to the podium to accept the "People's Choice Award". Remain standing at the podium during the award presentation.