**Chairperson Script**

(4 speakers per team)

Good morning/afternoon, and welcome to this debate.

As you know, a debate is much like a conversation or an argument between two or more people with opposing views. I urge you all to listen carefully and to pay attention to what both teams have to say. Please do not interrupt or try to distract the debaters.

Debaters, remember that you have a maximum of 2 minutes speaking time. After 1 minute, our timekeeper, *insert name here* will ring the bell once. After 1 minute and 50 seconds the timekeeper will ring the bell twice. You then have 10 more seconds before the bell is rung 3 times signalling you must stop. Any time over this will result in a deduction of 1 point to the team.

The topic for this debate is *insert debate statement here*.

I now call on the first speaker for the affirmative *insert name here* to open this debate.

Thank you. Now I call on the first speaker of the negative, *insert name here*.

Thank you. Now I call on *insert name here,* the second speaker from the affirmative.

Thank you. Now I call on *insert name here,* the second speaker from the negative.

Thank you. Now I call on *insert name here,* the third speaker from the affirmative.

Thank you. Now I call on *insert name here,* the third speaker from the negative.

Thank you. Now I call on the fourth and final speaker for the affirmative, *insert name here*.

Thank you. Finally, I call on the fourth and final speaker for the negative, *insert name here*, to close this debate.

While our adjudicators discuss marks, we will open the floor for questions. Does anyone have any comments or questions for either team?

*Please encourage audience members to offer comments or ask questions while the adjudicators deciding on a result. Respect for both teams is to be maintained at all times so any negative or unfair comments should not be tolerated and should be dealt with immediately.*

I shall now pass to our adjudicators for their scores and feedback.

Thank you for your attention.