



USA Youth Debates, Inc.

USA-SWEDEN YOUTH DEBATES, 2017

Caen Style Debate Ballot Sample

Round ____ Room ____ Judge _____

Introduction to Judges

- 1. After all 6 students enter the room, invite 1 person from each team for a coin toss to determine side 'Pro' or 'Con'.
2. Each team of 3 will have a city as their 'code name'. Write the code name beside 'Pro Team' and 'Con Team' below to identify each team of 4.
3. After the coin toss, ask each team to begin preparing their arguments for 25 minutes. Keep track of time and announce when they have 10 minutes remaining, 5 minutes remaining and 2 minutes remaining.
4. The 'Pro' team arguing in favor of the topic should be asked to make an introduction of no more than 2 minutes followed by the introduction from the 'Con' team.
5. After the introduction, the judge should ask the team in favor of the topic to ask a question of the other team. For the next 20 minutes, the debate becomes a free exchange of ideas/arguments in which each team orients the debate in the direction of their choice.
6. After the 20 minutes of arguments, the judge gives both teams a pause of 3 minutes to prepare their conclusions.
7. Each team will offer its conclusion summarizing the main points of its argument. The conclusion period should last no more than 4 minutes total and both teams should respect this time to avoid one team dominating the conclusion period.
8. The judge does not announce decision in the room or to the participants. Please return your completed ballot to the judging table/room.
9. Be sure that the team code matches to team winning the debate.

Please complete this form and return it to our tournament desk immediately following the debate.

PRO TEAM

CON TEAM

Team Code Name _____ Team Code Name _____

Use the following criteria to base your score on: reasoning, logic, courtesy, delivery and persuasion.

In my opinion, this debate has been won by _____ on the _____ side.

Team Code Name _____ Pro or Con _____

Reason for decision (continue on the back) _____

Signature of Judge _____

THANK YOU FOR JUDGING THESE STUDENTS !

JUDGING PROTOCOL

- 1. The judge is making an independent decision. Please do not consult with other judges, coaches, debaters or spectators.
2. Please write comments on the back encouraging growth and improvement, along with reasons for your decision.
3. Unless absolutely necessary, please do not leave the room during the debate round.
4. Please do not interrupt or ask questions during the round.