

Basic Rules for Debating

- Never say, “I don’t know.”
- Make sure you are ready to talk when the Proctor calls on you. This is your only chance to say what you want to say. This is your only chance to help your team.
- Wrap up what you’re saying when you’re given the 15 sec. sign.
- BE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR SIDE OF THE ISSUE...even if it’s something you didn’t want to debate about.
- Have a solid background regarding all material.
- Have plenty of evidence to back up claims.
- Use teamwork to teach all in group the important concepts behind specific positions.
- Be creative. Psyche out opponents .
- Outclass opponents/never give an answer of "uh...."
- Be appropriate: don’t call each other or the other team names....at all!

