

## Rules of Procedure for Conventional Debate

- There are two teams, comprising of three speakers.
- Each team is allowed two to three constructive speeches where their respective points must be put forward. A constructive speech must not exceed three minutes.
- Once a participant has finished giving his or her speech, they are immediately questioned on the basis of the points they had put forward.
- A participant is not allowed to consult his or her colleagues during questioning.
- A team is allowed two to three rebuttal speeches.
- If a team member puts forward a point, there must be enough evidence to convince an intelligent but uninformed individual that it is more reasonable to believe the assertion than to not believe it.
- **All participants must speak in a civil manner.**
- No new constructive arguments must be put forward during rebuttal sessions.
- The questioning period takes part after the constructive speeches have been voiced. The questioner must ask fair questions which could be built up at any point during the constructive speech.
- The questioner must confine himself to asking only questions and must refrain from making comments or asking rhetorical statements.
- The teams will be judged on the basis of presentation, material and knowledge of the subject.