<u>Canadian National Debate Format</u>
<u>Timekeeper's Script</u>

(Before you begin, write the resolution and the names of all debaters on the board. Check to see that judges are seated in different locations and that all debaters and officials are ready. Give judges time to fill out names and such on their ballot. Consult the debaters for the pronunciation of their names. Once everyone is ready, proceed.)

This debate will come to order.

The resolution before us today is _____

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Representing the Proposition are its First Speaker _____

and the Second Speaker _____ .

Representing the Opposition are its First Speaker _____

and the Second

Speaker _____ .

I would like to express a sincere welcome to our judges: _____ , _____ , and _____ .

and I, _____ am your Moderator and Timekeeper.

Each speaker will deliver an _8_ minute constructive speech. The first speaker of each team will also get a _4_ minute summary and rebuttal speech. Points of Information will be allowed during the constructive speeches only, but not during the first and last minute of the speeches. I will bang the desk after the first minute, and again with one minute remaining, to signal the time during which Points of Information may be raised. For each speech, fifteen seconds grace will be allowed. After each speech, I will immediately call upon the next debater to begin his or her address.

Are there any questions regarding the rules?

(ANSWER ANY THAT ARE RAISED)

I call upon the First Speaker to introduce the Proposition case.

(FIRST PROPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the first speaker for the Opposition.

(FIRST OPPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. I now call upon the second speaker for the Proposition.

(SECOND PROPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the member for his/her remarks. The Second Opposition will now deliver the last speech opposing the case.

(SECOND OPPOSITION'S SPEECH)

I thank the Opposition speaker. At this time, the first speaker for each side will deliver a **four** minute summary and rebuttal speech. No new information may be introduced during these speeches. We will start with the first opposition speaker.

(FIRST OPPOSITION'S SUMMARY/REBUTTAL)

We will now hear the Proposition's final summary and rebuttal, to be delivered by the First speaker.

(FIRST PROPOSITION'S SUMMARY/REBUTTAL)

I thank the member for concluding the debate. I would ask each judge to complete their ballot independently and hand it to me. Once all judges have completed their ballots, they may make brief constructive comments, but will not indicate who has won the debate.