



Chairperson's Speech - All divisions

Chairpersons - please ensure you understand this scaffold and know all the answers for the blank spaces before you begin!

Good evening everyone, and welcome to **[round]** _____ of the Gold Coast Debating **[division]** _____ Competition.

Before we begin this evening's formalities, just a couple of friendly reminders:

1. Firstly, Gold Coast Debating does not permit recording of any kind at debates, including audio and/or or visual - even of your own child.
2. Secondly, the Debaters here tonight are strongly encouraged to approach the adjudicator for individual feedback after the debate. However, any coaches, parents or other spectators should direct any queries they may have to your school's debating coordinator.

Now, let's get on with tonight's debate. Our topic for tonight is: _____.

Competing as the Affirmative Team tonight is **[school & team]** _____, represented by:
_____ as first speaker
_____ as second speaker and
_____ as third speaker

Competing as the Negative Team tonight is **[school & team]** _____, represented by:
_____ as first speaker
_____ as second speaker and
_____ as third speaker

[check timekeeper's sheet if unsure of the following]

Tonight, debaters will speak for _____ minutes in total.

A single bell will be rung at _____ minutes, and **[INT A & ABOVE ONLY - OTHERWISE IGNORE]** _____ minutes, two bells will be rung at _____ minutes, and three bells will be rung at _____ minutes and 30 seconds.

Our adjudicator/s for tonight's debate is/are _____.

Without further ado, I now call on the FIRST AFFIRMATIVE speaker to open the Affirmative case. **[SPEECH]**

At the end of each speaker, wait until the Adjudicator has indicated that they are ready for the next speaker before you call on them.

I now call on the FIRST NEGATIVE speaker to open the Negative case. **[SPEECH]**

I now call on the SECOND AFFIRMATIVE speaker to continue the Affirmative case. **[SPEECH]**

I now call on the SECOND NEGATIVE speaker to continue the Negative case. **[SPEECH]**

I now call on the THIRD AFFIRMATIVE speaker to conclude the Affirmative case. **[SPEECH]**

I now call on the THIRD NEGATIVE speaker to conclude the Negative case. **[SPEECH]**

Now that the speeches have concluded, please feel free to chat amongst yourselves as our adjudicator gathers their notes.

Wait until the Adjudicator has indicated they are ready to announce the decision.

Thank you for your attention again. I now call on the adjudicator to deliver the adjudication **[ADJUDICATION]**

I now call the AFFIRMATIVE team to deliver a vote of thanks. **[VOTE OF THANKS]**

I now call on the NEGATIVE team to deliver a vote of thanks. **[VOTE OF THANKS]**

I now declare the debate closed.