

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Characteristics of Effective Debate

Characteristics of effective debate include the member's ability to state their position, provide reason(s) supporting their position and tell or encourage the delegation how to vote. The delivery of the debate will include:

1. Completeness of thought
2. Logical reasoning
3. Clear statement of speaker's position
4. Conviction of delivery
5. Concise and effective statement of debate

It should be difficult to earn all points possible.
All members should participate nearly equally.
Each member should debate at least twice.

Good Debate

A good debate would be characterized by a presentation that includes the components of a good debate as well as the quality of delivery in which the debate is delivered. Those components are:

1. States position
2. Provides more than one reason supporting the position
3. Tells delegation how to vote

Average Debate

An average debate would be characterized by a presentation that includes only one supporting reason or lacks in the quality of delivery. However, the following basic components of a debate will still be included:

1. States position
2. Provides one reason supporting the position
3. Tells delegation how to vote

Poor Debate

A poor debate would be characterized by a lack of effective delivery, poor grammar, reasoning and substance as well as the omission of one or more components of an effective debate.