

RONALD REAGAN DEBATE SERIES



Competition Expectations

- Debaters are expected to conduct themselves with civility and decorum; aggression is not tolerated.
- Judges are to assume the role of the average American voter. The scores of debaters' who use debate terminology will be lowered.
- No use of electronic devices (i.e. laptops, tablets, etc.) during rounds. Cell phones may be used for timing purposes only.
- All speech documents and research materials must be printed (i.e. paper documents, note-cards, handwritten notes, etc.).
- Judges are required to use the rubric provided to evaluate the round, assign speaker points to each competitor, and determine the winner.
- The debater with the highest scores wins the round; the debaters may not receive the same score.
- Debaters are allowed two minutes of optional preparation time, which may be used at their discretion, throughout the round.
- Debaters should keep their own time and state how much they have used and how much is remaining after each use.
- Any questions regarding rules or issues should be directed to the tournament administration.
- Please be aware that the tournament schedules and forfeit rules are subject to change at the discretion of the tournament administration.

