

BRITISH Parliamentary-Style Debating  
**SPEAKER'S SCRIPT (4X TWO-PERSON TEAM)**

Before you begin, you should write the exact resolution, the team codes, and the names of debaters, in their speaking order, on the board, clearly visible to all judges. Then have all debaters, officials and spectators sit down.

**Announce clearly and firmly:**

ORDER IN THE HOUSE I am pleased to welcome you all to this round of the North American Debate Championships  
The topic under debate today is (ask the debater for the resolution, before you start the debate)

“ \_\_\_\_\_ ”

On my right, Speaking for Her Majesty's Government are:

The First Government Team:

The Prime Minister; \_\_\_\_\_

The Deputy Prime Minister; \_\_\_\_\_

The Second Government Team;

The Member for the Government; \_\_\_\_\_

The Government Whip; \_\_\_\_\_

On my Left, Speaking for Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition will be:

The first Opposition team:

The Opposition Leader; \_\_\_\_\_

The Deputy Opposition Leader; \_\_\_\_\_

The Second Opposition team:

The Member for the Opposition; \_\_\_\_\_

The Opposition Whip; \_\_\_\_\_

I extend a special welcome to our Judges:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The House Clerck is \_\_\_\_\_, and I,

\_\_\_\_\_, am your Speaker.

- ❖ *Each debater will have 5 minutes in which to deliver his/her remarks:* The Clerk of the House will hit the table at the one minute mark and the 4 minute mark to indicate the beginning and the end of unprotected time. He will hit the table twice when the speaking time has elapsed. If the speaker is still talking 15 seconds after the end, I will stand and order him to stop.
- ❖ *As Speaker, I will not entertain Points of Order and Personal Privilege, but Heckling and Formal Questions will be permitted, but only by competing debaters and judges will penalize any debater who interrupts another thoughtlessly or excessively, or who lowers the level of debate. My decisions are final, and cannot be appealed, but the judges will make allowances for the victims of my mistakes.*

**then say:**

- ❖ I call upon the Prime Minister to introduce the resolution, define the terms, and outline the Government case for 5 minutes.

**After the Prime Minister's speech, say:**

- ❖ I thank the Prime Minister for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the Leader of the Opposition for 5 minutes. If the Opposition intends to contest the Government definitions, it must do so during this address.

**After the first Opposition speech, say**

- ❖ I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the Deputy Prime Minister for 5 minutes.

**After the second Government speech, say:**

- I thank the Deputy Prime Minister for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the Deputy leader of the Opposition for 5 minutes

**After the second Opposition speech, say**

- ❖ I thank the Deputy Leader of the Opposition for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the member for the government for 5 minutes.

**After the third Government speech, say:**

- ❖ I thank the member for the government for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the member for opposition for 5 minutes..

**After the third opposition speech, say:**

- ❖ I thank the member for the opposition for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the Government Whip for 5 minutes.

**After the fourth government speech, say:**

- ❖ I thank the Government whip for his/her remarks. We shall now hear the opposition Whip for 5 minutes.

**After the fourth opposition speech, say:**

- I thank the opposition whip for his/her remarks.

**Finally, say:**

- ❖ On behalf of the House, I thank the Judges and the Clerk for their assistance; I congratulate all the debaters on their performances; and I thank the members of the Gallery for their attentiveness. Since this debate is now concluded, I invite the debaters to go outside the will the judge deliberate..