

We will be using NSDA rules for the FCDI NCDC Extemporaneous Debate Competition. They are:

Extemporaneous Debate

1. **Resolutions:** Tournament officials will post the resolution that will be debated for each round 30 minutes prior to the start of flight A.
2. **Sides:** Contestants will be assigned sides by the tab room.
3. **Evidence:** Students may conduct research prior to the debate and use authoritative references within their speeches, but are not required to do so. Students may use the internet to conduct research between the posting of the topic and the start of the debate. Students are expected to cite and use sources ethically.
4. **Expectations of Debaters:** Contestants must debate the topic that was assigned for the debate round. Students may use materials they create during the preparation time before their rounds, including but not limited to research they have completed, pre-written blocks, and flows. Contestants should directly clash with their opposition in the rebuttal speeches and provide clear organizational schemes throughout the debate.
5. **Expectations of Judges:** Judges should decide the round as it is debated, not based on their personal beliefs.
6. **Structure of the Round:** All speeches are two minutes in length and all speech times are protected; a speaker may not be interrupted by the other speaker or by the judge. The Proposition debater must affirm the resolution by presenting and defending a sufficient case for that resolution. The Opposition debater must oppose the resolution and/or the Proposition debater's case.

Proposition Constructive	2 Minutes
Cross-Examination of Proposition	1 Minute
Opposition Constructive	2 Minutes
Cross-Examination of Opposition	1 Minute
Mandatory Prep Time	1 Minute
Proposition Rebuttal	2 Minutes
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7. **Decisions:** At the conclusion of the round, the judge(s) will determine which debater won the round. Judges will not make any oral or written comments to the debaters.