



The JCI World Debating Championship
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Scoring Guidelines for Adjudicators

Adjudicators

- a) For each debate a panel of three Adjudicators will be appointed. None of the Adjudicators shall be from the same National Organization as any of the competing speakers.
- b) The Adjudicators should appoint from their group of three a spokesperson or chairman.
- c) A scoring system based on points should be used. A scoring sheet will be supplied. At the end of the debate the points awarded by each judge should be tallied and the decision reached. In the event that an individual judge scores both teams with the same points, the judge should add one additional point to the team that is deemed the winner. A draw or tie is not permitted.
- d) The Chair of the panel should compile the results. The debate will be won either 3 – 0 or 2 – 1.
- e) The Chair of the adjudication panel shall present the Chair of the JCI World Debating Championship with the results. The Chair of the JCI World Debating Championship shall then announce the results.

Points Awarded:

Definition – 30 points

How clearly was the motion defined? Did the team seem to be knowledgeable/have a clear understanding of the motion? How clearly was the strategy for the argument set out as to how the team would propose the motion?

Content – 30 points

Was the content of the argument arranged in a way that the argument was communicated logically? Award points for demonstrating knowledge of the subject and the amount of technical information given. Clearly, given the short time to prepare, the level of detailed facts and figures will be limited.

Debating Skills – 20 points

Consider the delivery, clarity and intonation of the speaker. Did they include humor in the context? Also consider how the speaker dealt with points of information: Were

they taken? Was the reply adequate? Consider how the argument was developed and how points raised by the other side were picked up and debated.

Teamwork – 10 points

Consider the speaker’s ability to work as a member of a team and tie in his/her teammates’ arguments. The speakers should be demonstrating that they have a coordinated strategy. Points should be deducted if the speakers on the same team contradict one another.

	Definition	Content	Debating Skills	Team Work	Timekeeping
Poor	1 – 6	1 – 6	1 – 4	1 – 2	Please Consult Time Sheet
Fair	7 – 12	7 – 12	5 – 8	3 – 4	Please Consult Time Sheet
Good	13 – 18	13 – 18	9 – 12	5 – 6	Please Consult Time Sheet
Very Good	19 – 24	19 – 24	13 – 16	7 – 8	Please Consult Time Sheet
Excellent	25 – 30	25 – 30	17 – 20	9 – 10	Please Consult Time Sheet

Timekeeping – 10 points

Usually, the full 10 points will be awarded. If a speaker does not use all the time allocated, then the judges may consider deducting points at their discretion. Where a speaker goes over the prescribed time, and exceeds the maximum 10 seconds time to conclude, then points must be deducted. As a rule of thumb, 1 point should be deducted for every second that the speaker exceeds the ten-second conclusion period.