



Coolidge Debate Basic Rules (2v2 Format)

Students

1. Do not use the Internet during a round. If you have prepared materials stored online, please download those materials to your local device (e.g., laptop, tablet, phone) before the round begins. Please put your device(s) in airplane mode during the round.
2. Do not whisper, talk to, or pass notes to your partner while your partner is speaking. You may quietly communicate during prep time or during your opponent's speeches, but please do not be distracting.
3. Do not introduce brand new lines of argumentation in your rebuttal speeches. Doing so could cause you to lose the round and/or lose speaker points. (Judges are instructed to disregard new arguments in rebuttals. This is not the same as automatic disqualification.)
4. Do not go off-topic. You are allowed to go beyond the arguments and evidence presented in the research brief, but you must debate the intended resolution. Debating a completely different topic could cause you to lose the round and/or lose speaker points.
5. You may only ask to take prep time before one of your team's own speeches.
6. Debaters in a bye round may only observe another round if it is the last round of the day.

Parents & Observers

1. Due to COVID precautions, Parents and Observers are not allowed to watch rounds.

Everyone

1. No audio or video recording of a round is allowed.

COVID-Specific Guidelines

Special precautions will be in effect for this tournament. Please see the separate COVID one-pager that describes the rules and expectations for this event. Thank you!