

Massachusetts Forensic League  
PUBLIC FORUM DEBATE BALLOT

Round \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Judge Name \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

Before EVERY round, a coin should be flipped. The winning team has the option of choosing either the side (Pro or Con) or the speaking order (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>) in the round. The team that loses the flip makes the remaining choice, either the side or the speaking order. After this is determined, record the names of the competitors. The team that speaks first in the debate should be listed on the left side of the ballot and sit on the left side of the room as you, the judge, look at the debaters. *Please note that new arguments in the Final Focus are to be ignored. The Final Focus must be based on arguments and issues previously addressed in the debate.*

PLEASE DO NOT FILL OUT THIS BALLOT UNTIL AFTER THE COIN TOSS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE DEBATERS HAVE DETERMINED SIDE/SPEAKING ORDER.

Code \_\_\_\_\_ Side PRO CON (circle one)  
Speaker 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Code \_\_\_\_\_ Side PRO CON (circle one)  
Speaker 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Team Points \_\_\_\_\_

29-30 Outstanding  
27-28 Above Average  
24-26 Average  
20-23 Below Average

Team Points \_\_\_\_\_

The team that won this debate is \_\_\_\_\_ representing the PRO / CON.  
(code) (circle one)

Comments to debaters:

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These are the reasons for my decision:

<i>Order/Time Limits of Speeches</i>	
Speaker 1	4 min
Speaker 2	4 min
Crossfire (1 & 2)	3 min
Speaker 3	4 min
Speaker 4	4 min
Crossfire (3 & 4)	3 min
Speaker 1 Summary	2 min
Speaker 2 Summary	2 min
Grand Crossfire (all)	3 min
Speaker 3 Final Focus	2 min
Speaker 4 Final Focus	2 min
2 minutes of prep time per side	

Judge Signature \_\_\_\_\_