

APPENDIX 11

NATIONAL DEBATE CONTEST

A. Application

1. All collegiate agricultural education organizations (e.g. Agricultural Education Club, Agricultural Education Society, Alpha Tau Alpha) will receive a pre-registration form prior to National Conclave. The due date for this form will be set by the national second vice-president.
2. The topic of debate to be resolved will be known to all organizations at the time of pre-registration.
2. Collegiate agricultural education organizations may enter one Team consisting of either two or four members.
 - a. Two-member teams: Each person will debate both the affirmative and the negative.
 - b. Four-member teams: Two members will debate the affirmative and two will debate the negative.
4. All debate team members must be dues-paid members of their collegiate agricultural education organization.

B. Rules and Guidelines

1. All team members will report to a holding room prior to the beginning of the contest. Only team members who are to compete will be allowed in the holding room. All team members who participate must be kept in the holding room until the debate contest is complete.
2. The order of team appearance shall be determined by a pre Debate drawing. Each team will be called to the contest room in turn according to their predetermined order.
3. Time available for each team is very limited. Teams should be prepared with clear, direct statements and questions to avoid conflicts with time.
3. Evidence used as part of the debate must be cited orally, and a written copy of the references is to be given to the judge.
5. Each team member may use up to four 3x5 notecards. No more than two 3x5 notecards, with prepared information, shall be used. No more than two blank 3x5 notecards shall be allowed for taking notes.

C. Procedure

1. Each team will debate the affirmative side of an issue in one contest and the negative in another contest.
2. One team member shall give the affirmative (or negative) Statement and the other member shall give the rebuttal. Both members may participate in cross-examination.
3. The debate shall consist of six parts:
 - a. An affirmative statement
(up to, but no more than 4 minutes)
 - b. Negative cross-examination of affirmative
(up to, but no more than 5 minutes)
 - c. Negative statement
(up to, but no more than 4 minutes)
 - d. Affirmative cross-examination of negative
(up to, but no more than 5 minutes)
 - e. Negative rebuttal (closing statement)
(up to, but no more than 2 minutes)
 - f. Affirmative rebuttal (closing statement)
(up to, but no more than 2 minutes)
3. A time keeper will issue a 15-second warning and indicate the end of a team's time.
4. If time is called during the asking of a question or at the beginning of a response, the team to which the question was asked may respond if they desire. If they choose to respond, they are limited to 30 seconds. If they chose not to respond, they will not be penalized.
6. Both affirmative and negative teams shall speak to the
(1) ILL, what's wrong; (2) BLAME, what caused the problem;
(3) CURE, solution to the problem; and (4) COST, cost of the solution.
 - a. The affirmative statement shall address the ILL, BLAME, and CURE of the topic.
 - b. Negative cross-examination shall ask questions pertaining to the affirmative ILL, BLAME, and CURE.
 - c. The negative statement shall consist of the ILL, BLAME, and CURE. The approach the negative shall use is that there isn't anything wrong.
 - c. Affirmative cross-examination shall ask only questions Pertaining to the negative's ILL, BLAME, and CURE.
 - d. The rebuttals (closing statements) shall be a summary of the ILL, BLAME, CURE and the COST. However, the COST should be the most emphasized.

D. Award Recipients

1985	1st	Beta, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
	2nd	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
1986	1st	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	Beta, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
1987	1st	Tau, West Virginia University
	2nd	Alpha Beta, Oklahoma State University
	3rd	Alpha, University of Illinois
1988	1st	Alpha Tau, North Carolina State University
	2nd	Alpha Beta, Oklahoma State University
1989	1st	Alpha Beta, Oklahoma State University
	2nd	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
1990	1st	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
	2nd	Alpha Beta, Oklahoma State University
	3rd	Sigma, Utah State University
1991	1st	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
1992	1st	Alpha Gamma, Arkansas State University
	2nd	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
1993	1st	Alpha, University of Illinois
	2nd	Alpha Tau, North Carolina State University
	3rd	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
1994	1st	Alpha Tau, North Carolina State University
	2nd	Alpha Mu, University of Wisconsin-River Falls
1995	1st	Alpha Phi, Iowa State University
	2nd	Alpha Beta, Oklahoma State University
1996	1st	
	2nd	
1997	1st	
	2nd	
1998	1st	
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1999	1st	
	2nd	
2000	1st	
	2nd	
2001	1st	
	2nd	

2002 1st
2nd

2003 1st
2nd

2004 1st
2nd

2005 1st
2nd