Philadelphia Scholastic Debate League
Public Forum Ballot
Round Room Judge

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Speaker Points
Outstanding: 30-28, Above Average: 27-25, Average: 24-22, Below Average: 21-19

The team that won the debate is______________________ representing Pro / Con (circle).
Reason for decision:

Format for Debate

| 1st Speaker Team A – 4 min | 2nd Speaker Team A – 4 min | 1st Speaker Team A Summary – 2 min |
| 1st Speaker Team B – 4 min | 2nd Speaker Team B – 4 min | 1st Speaker Team B Summary – 2 min |
| Crossfire – 3 min          | Crossfire – 3 min          | Grand Crossfire – 3 min            |
| 2nd Speaker Team A Final Focus – 2 min | 2nd Speaker Team B Final Focus – 2 min | 2 min Preparation Time per team |

Comments for Debaters

Speaker 1: Speaker 2:

Speaker 3: Speaker 4:

- Judges should decide the round as it is debated, not based on their personal beliefs.
- Debaters should advocate or reject the resolution in a manner clear to the non-specialist citizen judge. Clash of ideas is essential to debate.
- Debaters should display solid logic and reasoning, advocate a position, utilize evidence and communicate clear ideas using professional decorum.
- Neither the pro nor con is permitted to offer a plan or counterplan, defined as a formalized, comprehensive proposal for implementation.
- Crossfire time should be dedicated to questions and answers rather than reading evidence. Evidence may be referred to extemporaneously.
- No new arguments may be introduced in the Final Focus; however, debaters may include new evidence to support prior arguments.

Everyone is expected to be a respectful audience member. A judge’s rank may reflect a contestant’s disrespect to other competitors during the round.
Rubric for Speaker Points

**Analysis:** Did the debater explain the most important issue(s) in the topic?

**Evidence:** Did the debater support arguments with facts and expert opinions?

**Reasoning:** Did the conclusions reached by the debater flow from the evidence?

**Crossfire:** Were questions relevant and brief? Were answers on point? Was the crossfire conducted in a civil manner?

**Rebuttal:** Did the debater effectively counter the arguments of the opponents?

**Delivery:** Did the debater speak in an organized, communicative style that was pleasant and easily understandable?

Thank you for judging today!