



2023 Pan-African Debating Championship Chairperson Script



Good morning/afternoon ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the ____ round of the Pan-African Debating Championship.

Before I introduce the motion and the speakers, I would like to remind you of the following:

- The audience is to keep quiet during the speakers' addresses.
- No notes may be passed from the audience to the speakers.
- No cell phones to be operated during the debate.
- If the audience behaviour is deemed unacceptable, the perpetrator will be requested to leave the venue.

The motion before the floor is:

Proposing the motion is: _____

Opposing the motion is: _____

The speakers for the PROPOSITION are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

The speakers for the OPPOSITION are:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



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You must introduce each new speaker in turn.

- *Wait between speeches until the adjudicators indicate that they are ready, then stand up, wait for silence, and introduce the next speaker.*

e.g. I would now like to call on the first speaker for the proposition,
_____, to address the floor.

e.g. The first opposition speaker, _____,
will now present his / her argument.

ORDER OF SPEAKERS
First Proposition Speaker
First Opposition Speaker
Second Proposition Speaker
Second Opposition Speaker
Third Proposition Speaker
Third Opposition Speaker

When the final speech is done the adjudicators remain in the room to confer. The teams will wait outside.

Adults are requested not to ask questions of the speakers.

- *You must control the debate.*
- *Try to take questions / comments for both sides.*
- *Close the debate when the adjudicators return.*
- *Everyone stands as they come in.*

The debate is now closed to the floor. I invite the adjudicators to deliver the results.

OTHER THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN YOU CHAIR A DEBATE:

1. *You are controlling the debate at all times. Do your best to ensure the right people are speaking.*
2. *You may call a "Point of Order" if:*
 - *A speaker is going over time.*
 - *Points of information are being abused. (e.g. none during the first / last minute or the replies; no longer than 15 seconds; not one after another without giving the speaker time to say anything new; the person offering the POI can't reply to the speaker's answer i.e. engage the speaker in debate). Say: "Out of order."*
 - *The floor is disruptive. There should be no talking or other distracting behaviour during speeches, but the floor can pass quiet comments between speeches.*
3. *Times: High School – 4 mins*
Speakers have 20 seconds to close off then MUST sit down.
4. *Try to look interested in the debate!*