



SAF COMMITTEE FORM

PLEASE NOTE: **DEBATE TIMING AND PROCEDURES APPLY TO (2020-2021) VIRTUAL DISTRICT and STATE CONFERENCES ONLY**

****At XX MINUTES of EACH PROPOSAL, the Chair will announce, "TIME HAS EXPIRED FOR DEBATE ON THIS PROPOSAL. WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE BILL AUTHOR'S 2 minute CLOSING REMARKS."**

TOTAL TIME ALLOWED PER PROPOSAL IS no more than XX MINUTES. This does not include any motions for extending pro/con debate.

- 1. Opening Remarks** by the proposal author (**2 min**)
 - A. Remaining time may be yielded to closing or technical non-debatable questions
- 2. Non-Debatable Technical Questions and answer**
 - A. Total time is **2 min** plus any time the author yielded from opening
 - B. Questions must be fact based not opinions
- 3. Pro/Con Debate** 2 rounds limit **1 minute per speaker**
 - A. Motions may be made to increase the number of pro/con rounds
 - B. Motions may be made to extend the speaking time.**
 - C. Extensions must be made before the final con speaker
 - D. Upon recognition, a delegate shall state his/her name and delegation. He/she does not need further permission to address the floor for general statements.
 - E. Delegates must seek permission, through the chair, to pose a series of questions to the proposal author(s)
 - i. Procedure to ask a question follows
 - i. Delegate states name and delegation, "I would like to ask the author(s) a series of questions and reserve my right to speak afterwards? (can be one question/ does not have to speak afterwards)
 - ii. Chair asks, "Will the author yield to a series of questions?"
 - iii. Author may refuse
 - F. A delegate must reserve his/her right to make a motion or yield time to another delegate and will only be required to state the delegation name yielding to
 - i. "Delegate name/delegation, I reserve the right to yield my time to New Delegates name or delegation."
 - ii. A delegate who accepts yielded time will be allowed to either question the author or address the floor, but not both.



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- G. Authors may not speak as individually recognized pro speakers during debate.
- H. If there are no delegates voluntarily seeking the floor during pro/con debate, the State Affairs Forum Chair may appoint a speaker at his/her discretion.

** Please note, **Amendments** are not applicable for virtual conference/debate.

4. Closing Summations time is **2 minutes** plus any time yielded from the opening