



2020 RoboEthics Challenge Rules

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- This CHALLENGE registration is **FREE**
- Attendance is **NOT** required
- VIRTUAL debating, via an online meeting platform, ZOOM.US, will be used
 - **THEREFORE**, to participate, a reliable internet system that can handle video is a requirement
- Debate times will be based on the local event time zone (i.e. RoboRAVE North America 2020 - Mountain Time (GMT-0600 (US and Canada) but RoboRAVE Global 2020 will be on Japanese Standard Time (JST)
- Your team must be available during these time periods for your scheduled debates. All debates will be recorded for future sharing to all RoboRAVE Members.

Goal:

Prepare two (2) opposing, publically researched, yet fluid arguments that can be used to debate the ethics within the world of robotics/coding.

Who Can Play:

Teams, two (2) members only, in this challenge compete as **one division**, typically:

- High School + University/Professional
- This challenge is limited to **a number of** fully-registered teams determined by each event
- This challenge is official **once** 4 teams or more are fully registered

Requirements:

- The 2020 Topic: **"Misinformation – Influenced or Not?"**
- Pro (Government) **and** Con (Opposition) positions are required by each team

General Rules of Play:

- The purpose of this challenge is to learn from each other so we can enhance our community's understanding towards the topic's ethical complexities.
- The challenge will be in three stages:
 - Stage 1: All Teams – 4 rounds
 - Pro AND Con positions presented twice.
 - Sum of 4 debates determines top 8 teams for Stage 2
 - Stage 2: Top 8 Teams – Semi Final Debates

Pro	Con	Pro	Con
T1	T2	T8	T1
T3	T4	T6	T3
T5	T6	T4	T5
T7	T8	T2	T7

- Stage 3: Top 4 Teams - Final Debates

1 st debate	Team 1 - Team 4	Team 4 picks position
2 nd debate	Team 2 - Team 3	Team 3 picks position

Note to All Teams: The judging of this challenge is 100% subjective. The winner of each round will be based on how well the team supports their case(s) in the mind of the judge(s). Judge(s) decisions are

3 rd debate	Team 1 - Team 3	Team 1 picks position
4 th debate	Team 2 - Team 4	Team 2 picks position

- Procedures are loosely modeled on the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) with MORE emphasis placed on teaching each other debate skills and content knowledge; Collaborative **vs.** winning.
- Judges will score each team based on being persuaded by the support of the case(s).
- Team scores will be used to select the teams proceeding on to the next Stage.
- **NOT** Allowed: support materials such as videos, photos, charts, and other visuals
- **Taking notes is strongly recommended**

Check-in Procedure:

- All teams must check-in by a date specified by the event. Failure to do so will forfeit your team's presentation times.
- Location will be provided on the event details page.

Challenge Specifications:

We are adopting/modifying the American Parliamentary Debate Association's (APDA) format for rules and judging. More information is available at <http://apdaweb.org/guide/judging>

All debate times are shortened for our challenge than what is shown in the APDA rules.

NOTE: Important to understand – All new arguments may be made **ONLY** during the first four (4) speaking times. The final two (2) speakers during Summary, may only summarize and **NOT** introduce any **NEW** material.

- PRO - Prime Minister opens, **in favor**, of topic (3 minutes)
- CON- Opposition Leader (3 minutes)
- PRO - Pro member (3 minutes)
- CON - Opposition member (3 minutes)
- **SUMMARY - NO** new information is to be introduced by the **last** two speakers
- CON - Opposition Leader (4 minutes)
- PRO - Prime Minister (4 minutes)

Scoring:

- Our scoring format is unique to this event.
- A judge will score each team's argument guided **in part** with APDA guidelines
- Each speaker will be scored on a scale of 5.00 – 10 for team scoring range of 15.00 to 30.
- If a team is a **NO SHOW**, a median score of 22.50 will be awarded to the team present.
- Sum of all debate points per Stage determines ranking of teams
- Judges look for consistency; flow of logic; sources cited; depth of knowledge; ability to defend and/or counter an opponent's case; eloquence of presentational style; non-personal attacks; observing the time limit for each speaker; use of speaking space.

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