

BH DEBATE & SPEECH CLUB

APOLOGETICS

Time Limits: 4 min. preparation time. 4 to 6 min. speech time. (10 min. maximum total)

Prep time begins when student receives the envelope of topic choices.

The student must meet the minimum time to qualify for awards. Points will be lost for any time overage. Unused prep time may not be added to speech time.

Purpose

The purpose of apologetics is to motivate students to understand the core issues of their faith as well as common issues raised by modern worldviews in order to be able to articulate a well reasoned and persuasive response of what they believe and why they believe it.

General Rules

Students may come into the event with as much preparation, research, and topic organization as they desire.

The speech must be an original work, prepared from notes, quotations, verses from presenter's Bible and/or card file box (4x6 or smaller).

The speaker will pick three topics from the envelope, choose one and return the other two.

During prep time speakers may use Bibles, access card file(s) and write notes on additional 4x6 cards.

During presentation, speakers may use only cards from file box and note cards written during prep.

The speaker must state the chosen topic early in the presentation. Points will be lost for those who fail to do so.

No props, costumes, electronic devices or audiovisuals will be allowed.

No speaker is permitted to listen to other apologetics speakers before speaking him/herself. A speaker may remain in the room after s/he has given her/his own speech.

Students may express opinions which are contrary to those of the judge. Each speech should be evaluated on the quality of the analysis and presentation, not the opinions presented.

All judges for this event must be known to the club director to be sympathetic to the ideals of the club and the Christian faith. Parents, pastors, and church leaders are good candidates for the judging pool.