

# SUGGESTED OUTLINE FOR THE DISCUSSION MEET MODERATOR

Welcome to the District # \_\_\_\_ FFA Discussion Meet Competition. I am \_\_\_\_\_ and I will serve as moderator for this afternoon's district discussion meet. Serving as timekeeper for this round is \_\_\_\_\_

The top two competitors in this round will compete in the final round this evening with the top two competitors from the other group. The top two finalists in the Final Round this afternoon will advance to the Sectional Competition.

The contestants for this meet are: (Introduce Contestants)

Before we begin, I will review the procedure we will follow for this session. Once the topic is announced the contestants will have 2 minutes to prepare their thoughts. We will then begin this discussion with 30-second opening statements from each contestants in voluntary order. The timekeeper will stand at 30 seconds and remain standing.

After each contestant has given his or her opening remarks I will announce that we will have open discussion for a total of:

24 minutes for 7 participants

15 minutes for 4 participants

21 minutes for 6 participants

12 minutes for 3 participants

18 minutes for 5 participants

The time keeper will indicate when there is 5 minutes remaining in the discussion. I will interrupt the discussion to announce the remaining time.

The timekeeper will indicate to me when the total time has elapsed for discussion. Contestants will then have one minute of quiet time to prepare their one-minute closing statement. Contestants, the topic selected for this round is:

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You have two-minutes to prepare your opening statements:

Contestants, time is called. You may now, in voluntary order, make your 30-second opening statements. Please stand and direct you opening statements to the audience. (opening statements given – timekeeper will signal)

(Open discussion occurs based on number of contestants and time allowed – timekeeper will signal)

Contestants, you have five minutes of open discussion remaining. (five minutes of open discussion – timekeeper will signal)

Time has been called. Please prepare your closing statements. I ask that the audience remain silent for one minute to aid the contestants in their preparation. (one minute preparation time – timekeeper will signal)

Please put down your pencils, and in voluntary order please stand and give your one-minute closing statement. (closing statements – timekeeper will signal)

Let's show these contestants our appreciation for a job well done. (applause)

The judges for this round are: (Introduce Judges). Let's thank them for their efforts today.

I now ask the participants to leave the room. Thank you!

