

ROUND/FLIGHT ROOM

JUDGE NAME

SPONTANEOUS ARGUMENTATION (SPAR) DEBATE BALLOT

AFFIRMATIVE CODE _____ SPEAKER POINTS _____

NEGATIVE CODE _____ SPEAKER POINTS _____

PLEASE GIVE SPEAKER POINTS from 20-30 points and FILL IN THE SPACE ABOVE.

20-23 Below Average 24-26 Average 27-28 Above Average 29-30 Outstanding

OVERVIEW: Spontaneous Argumentation is a miniature form of debate in which the student competes against another student on a topic drawn the round. The purpose of spontaneous argumentation is to allow students the opportunity to form arguments and support a position on an assigned topic with a minimum amount of preparation, while taking time to clash with opposing arguments. Judges will determine a winner based upon arguments that they feel “won” the round. Speaker points will be based on reasoning of arguments, clash with opposing arguments and delivery. **Judges should decide the round as it is debated, not based on their personal beliefs.** Clash of ideas is essential to debate, so debaters should point out flaws in each others’ arguments, as well as presenting their own arguments. Debaters should display solid logic and reasoning, advocate a position, and communicate clear ideas using professional decorum. **No new arguments** may be introduced in the final speeches. Judges are encouraged to take notes to help them remember what was presented.

RULES: Debaters will be assigned affirmative or negative on a topic. One topic will be given to the competitors by the judges. 1 minute of prep time then begins. Judges will give time signals to the competitors. At the end of the debate, the judge will determine the winner and give speaker points to each debater, up to 30 speaker points. Judges will determine a winner based upon effective argumentation.

In my opinion, the better argumentation was done by

AFF/NEG _____ with the code of _____.

CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENTS FOR THE DEBATERS:

PLEASE GIVE TIME SIGNALS

SPAR TIMES

- Prep Time 1 Minute**
- Affirmative 2 Minutes**
- Negative 2 Minutes**
- Cross Ex 3 Minutes**
- Affirmative 1 Minute**
- Negative 1 Minute**

REASON FOR DECISION (What argument/s won?):

JUDGE SIGNATURE _____

JUDGE AFFILIATION _____

