



2018 RoboEthics Challenge

Goal

Prepare two (2) well researched opposing arguments that can be used to address the ethics of robotics in our global society.

Who Can Play

Teams in this challenge compete in **one division**, typically:

- High School + Big Kids
- This challenge is limited to **the first 24** fully-registered teams

Requirements

- The Topic: "*Drones - Harmful or Beneficial?*"
- Pro (Government) **and** Con (Opposition) positions are required by each team

General Rules of Play

- The rules of the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) are to be followed.
- Teams will participate on Pro & Con sides, twice **over** the duration of the event.
- A judge will score each team based on being persuaded by the support of the case(s).
- The public audience will also score each team's position - Show of hands to award **The Public's Choice** vs. **The Judge's Choice**.
- Team scores will be used to select The Top 8 Pro vs. The Top 8 Con arguments to move on to a tournament.
- Video, photos, charts, and other visuals are **not allowed**.

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 final.

Challenge Specifications

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

The link will give you foundation for:

- Player's role
- Types of cases
- How to object
- Scoring each speaker

All Speaking Times are Shortened for our Challenge than what is shown in the APDA rules:

- New cases are made in the periods of the first 4 speakers
- Government Prime Minister opens, **in favor**, of Drones (5 mins)
- Opposition Leader (5 mins)
- Government Presenter (5 mins)
- Opposition Presenter (5 mins) - No new cases can be entered in the **last** two speakers
- Opposition Leader (4 mins)
- Government Prime Minister (4 mins)

These rules are very detailed and should be read carefully.

Scoring

- A judge will score each team's argument in line with the APDA guidelines
- The public audience will also score each team's position.

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