



2019 RoboEthics Challenge

Goal

Prepare two (2) well researched opposing arguments that can be used to address the ethics topic for 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 **a number of** fully-registered teams determined by each event
- This challenge is official **once** 4 teams or more are fully registered

Requirements

- The Topic: *"AI - Job Creator or Destroyer?"*
- Pro (Government) **and** Con (Opposition) positions are required by each team

General Rules of Play

- A modification of the rules of the American Parliamentary Debate Association (APDA) are to be followed.
- Teams will present their Pro & Con sides twice **over** the duration of the event.
- Judges will score each team based on being persuaded by the support of the case(s).
- Team scores will be used to select the Top 4 teams, based on their Pro or Con argument scores to move on to a tournament.
- Video, photos, charts, and other visuals are **not allowed**.

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.

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

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

- PRO - Prime Minister opens, **in favor**, of topic (4 mins)
- CON- Opposition Leader (4 mins)
- PRO - Pro member (4 mins)
- CON - Opposition member (4 mins)
- **SUMMARY** - No new cases can be entered in the **last** two speakers
- CON - Opposition Leader (4 mins)
- PRO - Prime Minister (4 mins)

Scoring

- A judge will score each team's argument, for the most part, in line with the APDA guidelines
- Each speaker will be scored on a scale of 5.0 - 10.0.
- Sum of points determines winner of the debate
- Judges will be looking 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.

Scoring Matrix

Score Matrix is unique to the event you are attending, check with the event for more details.

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