



## **Rules of Debate**

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## **Rules of Debate**

Debate is an essential element in the making of rational decisions. Debate is the time to express your opinion. Don't complain about an item after it has been decided (Silence is consent).

- The chair must remain neutral.
- You must be recognized by the chair.
- Confine your remarks to the pending question.
- Only one person may speak at a time.
- Each debate should provide new information.
- You may only speak twice on an item. Time is limited to 10 min. each time.
- You may not speak a second time until after everyone who wants to speak has spoken once.
- Address all remarks through the Chair. Avoid the use of members' names in debate.
- You must speak courteously and never attack the motives of another member.

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