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Moderator Script – In-School Ethics Bowl

Now we will begin the round. Teams, as you know, from this point on in this round you cannot consult with anyone other than your teammates at the table. Everyone should remain quiet throughout the competition so that the students can concentrate. A reminder to team members and judges to speak loudly enough so that everyone in the room can hear you.

Pass out scrap paper to both teams. Turn to the team to your left.

I will ask your team to call the coin toss heads or tails.

Team makes decision and you flip coin.

The coin is (heads/tails).

Turn to the team that won the toss.

You can present first or having the other team present first. What is your choice?

The team will make its choice. Turn to the team that will present first.

Your team will present first and will be Team A on the judges' score sheets.

Scoring judges, please write [Name of Team] next to Team A and [Name of Team] next to Team B on the top of your score sheet. Please also write your name in the space provided.

Now I will distribute the case.

Pass one copy of the case to each scoring and questioning judge and one copy to each team, and copies to any spectators.

Read the case aloud.

Both teams now have up to 2 minutes to confer before Team A begins its presentation. Team B will give its presentation immediately following Team A's presentation.

Give the teams two minutes to confer. If they go to two minutes, tell them that time is up.

Team A has 3 minutes to make its presentation. Any members of the team may speak. Would you like a time reminder?

Give Team A three minutes for its presentation, keeping in mind any time reminders they may have requested (you might write this down). If they go three minutes, tell them that time is up.

Team B has 3 minutes to make its presentation. Any members of the team may speak. Would you like a time reminder?

Give Team B three minutes for its presentation, keeping in mind any time reminders they may have requested (you might write this down). If they go three minutes, tell them that time is up.

Both teams now have up to 2 minutes to confer before they will engage in an open dialogue.

Give the teams two minutes to confer. If they go to two minutes, tell them that time is up.

Now the teams will engage in a self-moderated, open dialogue for up to 10 minutes about the issues that emerged in the presentations. Both teams will be evaluated on the extent to which they consider the other team's analysis and questions, and on the civility and depth with which the teams discuss the case. Please ensure that both teams have ample time to speak, and one team is not taking up most of the time available. I will let you know when one minute is left. The Open Dialogue period will begin with Team A speaking.

Give the teams 10 minutes to discuss the case, remembering the time reminder at one minute.

Thank you. Now the questioning judges will have an opportunity to ask the teams questions. Judges, please keep your questions brief. The question-and-answer session may be up to 20 minutes long, 10 minutes per team, depending on the length and number of questions and answers. Team members may confer before responding to a judge's question but should not do so for more than 30 seconds.

Judges, you now will have two minutes to confer with each other, then we will begin the question-and-answer session with Team A.

Give the judges two minutes to confer. If they go to two minutes, tell them that time is up.

I will let you know when 2 minutes are remaining for the questions and answers. You may begin.

The questioning judges will ask questions, and Team A will answer for up to 10 minutes. Remember to remind the judges and Team A when there are two minutes left.

Judges, you now will have two minutes to confer with each other, then we will begin the question-and-answer session with Team B.

Give the judges two minutes to confer. If they go to two minutes, tell them that time is up.

I will let you know when 2 minutes are remaining for the questions and answers. You may begin.

Judges will ask questions, and Team B will answer for up to 10 minutes. Remember to remind the judges and Team B when there are two minutes left.

Both teams now have up to 2 minutes to confer before each will respond to the following final question: **What point or points did the other team make that really made you think?** Team B will respond first and then Team A, each for up to one minute.

Give the teams two minutes to confer.

Now Team B will give its response to the final question.

Give Team B one minute for its presentation. If they go the full one minute, tell them that time is up.

Thank you. Now Team A will give its response to the final question.

Give Team A one minute for its presentation. If they go the full one minute, tell them that time is up.

Thank you, team members and questioning judges. Let's have a round of applause for the teams.

Scoring judges, please complete your scores for both teams' presentations, open dialogue, answers to the questioning judges' questions, and responses to the final question, as well as the teams' respectful dialogue points. Please do so individually, without conferring with one another. At the bottom of the sheet, please circle the team with the higher score.

Please remember that no ties are permitted. If you complete your scores and you find the teams have tied, you should revise your scoring before handing the score sheet to me. We also encourage you to provide comments for the teams on the back of the score sheet.

The scoring judges should hand you their score sheets. Please add up the scores and number of wins for each team. Please remember to check the math carefully!