

## ELSA Legal Debates – Organising Overview

### **A brief guide for organising an ELSA Legal Debate for National and Local Groups**

This Organisation Overview **summarises** the most important aspects of organising an ELD. For further Information about the ELD please refer to the **Competitions Handbook** and the **ELD rules**.

The following **checklist** can be used to keep track of your state of the Organisation of your Negotiation Competition.

✓	Do you have...	Annotation
	<b>Rooms</b>	
	Debating Rooms	Room where the Teams conduct the Debate
	Preparation Rooms	One per Team Only if the Teams have a preparation time before the debate
	Waiting Rooms	If there is more than one round. If possible, you can have a person from the OC with the teams in the room to not leave them waiting alone.
	<b>Preparation Room Content</b>	
	Pens and Paper	The participants should not bring any pre-written notes into the preparation room.
	Water and Glasses	The participants need refreshments during preparation.
	<b>Debating Room Content</b>	
	Three tables	Two tables facing each other for the participants and one for the judges.
	Water and Glasses	For the judges and for the participants again.
	<b>People</b>	
	Judges	Three is recommended.

	Teams	At least two.
	Timekeepers	At least two per round.
	<b>Materials</b>	
	Motion	The judges or partners of the ENC may be able to draft a motion, if that is not possible, the motion may be provided by ELSA International.
	Scoresheet	May be found in the ELD Package.
	Winners/participants certificates	Create nice certificates for the winners and participants in your ELD.
	<b>Other</b>	
	Gifts for the judges	Chocolate or wine if your budget allows it.

## Structure

### I. Opening statements of each Team

*7 minutes per team*

The teams present their position towards the motion and their first arguments.

### II. Rebuttals (Each Team rebuts at least once)

*3 minutes per team*

The Teams rebut to the arguments brought forward by the other Team.

### III. Concluding statements of each Team

*6 minutes per team*

The Teams conclude the arguments brought forward during the debate.

### IV. Feedback by the judges

*As long as needed/possible depending on the case and number of teams.*