

2019 Florida Blue Key Congressional Debate

Round Robin Legislation Packet Part 1



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Congratulations on being selected to participate in this year's Florida Blue Key Speech and Debate Tournament Congressional Debate Round Robin!

This packet will go over key instructions for the Round Robin. Additionally, the first two pieces of legislation that you will debate on October 31 are included.

Location: J.Wayne Reitz Union

Room: The Chamber (ground floor)

Schedule: (subject to change based on delays)

Preliminary Session: 8:30am-11:30am

Lunch 11:30am-1pm

Round-of-6: 1pm to 1:45pm

Round-of-5: 2:15 pm to 3pm

Round-of-4: 3:30pm to 4pm

Round-of-3: 4:30pm to 5:00pm

Round-of-2: 5:30pm to 6:00pm

*Breaks will be announced in chamber 5 minutes prior to the start of each round

Format:

The Round Robin will include 12 of the top competitors in the country. The docket will be predetermined by the Round Robin staff and will be released in order of rounds. The first 2 pieces of legislation will be included at the end of this packet.

1. **Preliminary Session:** The preliminary round will include all 12 competitors. During the first half of the round, competitors will give a "Morning Hour" speech on a topic of their choice. The second half will resume with debate on "Bill 1."
 - a. **Morning Hour:** During the preliminary session, competitors will spend the first hour delivering "Morning Hour" speeches. The morning hour speech should be an issue that competitors feel passionately about and why it is one of the most pressing issues of our time. In this speech competitors should: introduce the issue, offer solutions, explain why it is important. Competitors will be judged based on the following criteria for the morning hour:
 - i) *Argumentation*- how well the competitor constructed the main argument and described how the solution actually solves the issue
 - ii) *Idea/Topic*- how well the competitor introduced the topic and made it easy to understand
 - iii) *Impact*- how well the competitor explained the importance of the issue and how the solution is the best solution
 - b. **Bill 1**
2. **Round-of-6:** After the preliminary round, the top 6 competitors will advance to the Round of 6. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 2."
 - a. **Bill 2**
3. **Round-of-5:** The top 5 competitors will advance to the Round of 5. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 3."
 - . **Bill 3**
4. **Round-of-4:** The top 4 competitors will advance to the Round of 4. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 4."
 - . **Bill 4**
5. **Round-of-3:** The top 3 competitors will advance to the Round of 3. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 5."
 - . **Bill 5**
6. **Round-of-2:** The top 2 competitors will advance to the Round of 6. In this, round competitors will debate "Bill 6." In this round, there will be one affirmative speaker and one negative speaker. Since this is the final round, the format will be as follows:

a. Bill 6

1. AFF speech (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning
2. NEG speech (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning
3. 5-minute recess for competitors to prepare rebuttal speeches
4. AFF rebuttal (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning
5. NEG rebuttal (3 min), followed by 2 minutes of questioning

Rules:

Internet: No Internet access is permitted at any point during a session. Any competitor found to have accessed the Internet during a session will immediately be disqualified. Students may access their laptops during a session if Wi-Fi is turned off. Cell phones, smartwatches, and any other devices capable of internet access during a session must remain in the student's bag and should not be taken out at any point.

Presiding Officer/Speaking Order: A member of FBK Congressional Debate staff will be the presiding officer for the entirety of the Round Robin. This means that competitors will only be judged on their speeches. The PO will randomly select competitors to determine recency in each session and will not consider previous activity, geography, or fastest standing. Recency will reset after each session, but it only matters in the preliminary session as that is the only round competitors will speak on two different topics. Each competitor will have a chance to speak twice in the preliminary session and Round-of-2 and once in every other session. All other procedures will follow standard National Speech and Debate Association guidelines.

Questioning: All questioning periods will be direct examination. Each questioner will have 30 seconds of direction questioning before the PO moves onto the next questioner. In every round, the first affirmative speech and the first negative speech will be 2 minutes. Every subsequent questioning period will be 1 minute long. During the Morning Hour, every questioning period will be 1 minute long. For the Round-of-2, questioning will be 2 minutes long.

Legislation: Attached below is "Bill 1" and "Bill 2." The rest of the bills will be released by October 23. In the meantime, competitors should prepare their "Morning Hour" speeches as well as the two bills provided.

A Bill to Curtail the Migrant Crisis in The Northern Triangle (Bill 1)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** Due to increased violence, corruption, and a lack of economic
3 opportunity a severe migrant crisis has emerged in the Northern
4 Triangle—a region comprised of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras.
5 In response to this crisis:

- 6 **A.** The United States shall send 25,000 troops to the Northern Triangle in
7 order to fight cartel and oppositions groups. The troops will divided-up
8 according to each country's needs.
9 **B.** The United States shall send 100 million dollars in aid for economic,
10 agricultural, and infrastructural development to each country.
11 **C.** The United states shall grant 50 million dollars to U.S. Customs and
12 Border Protection in order to increase the quality of infrastructure and
13 technology at the southern border.

14 **SECTION 2.** **A.** Troops shall be defined as soldiers or armed forces.
15 **B.** Economic, agricultural, and infrastructure development shall be
16 defined is intended to lower the level of poverty, preserve the quality
17 of farmlands, build adequate schools, etc.
18 **C.** Infrastructure and technology shall be defined as walls, fences,
19 surveillance, sensors, etc.

20 **SECTION 3.** The U.S. Department of Defense will work in conjunction with the U.S.
21 Department of Homeland Security and The United States Agency for
22 International Development to oversee the implementation and
23 enforcement of the bill.

- 24 **A.** U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Homeland
25 Security shall supply troops and defense strategies to the Northern
26 Triangle.
27 **B.** U.S. Department of Homeland Security shall distribute aid to Border
28 Protection.
29 **C.** The United States Agency for International Development shall
30 oversee distribution and transaction of aid for economic, agricultural
31 and infrastructure development in The Northern Triangle.

32 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect immediately.

33 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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A Bill to Implement Ranked-Choice Voting (Bill 2)

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

2 **SECTION 1.** The United States shall eliminate first-past-the post voting for
3 presidential primaries and implement a ranked-choice voting system.

4 **SECTION 2.** A ranked-choice voting system (RCV) is an electoral system in which
5 voters rank candidates by preference on their ballots. If a candidate wins
6 a majority of first-preference votes, they are declared the winner. If no
7 candidate wins a majority of first-preference votes, the candidate with
8 the fewest first-preference votes is eliminated.

9 **SECTION 3.** Individual states shall be responsible for the implementation of this
10 legislation.

11 **SECTION 4.** The bill will go into effect immediately upon passages.

12 **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

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