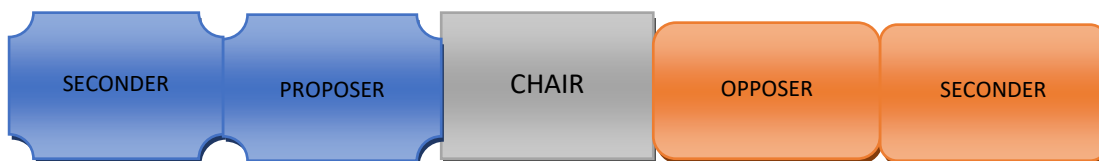


## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF YOUNG FARMERS' CLUBS

### “How to” Guide – Debating

1.1. **The Panel** made up 5 members:



1.2. **Format**

Timing	Seconder 2	Proposer 1	Chair	Opposer 1	Seconder 2
Start			Chairman welcomes everyone and introduces the debate. Then asked the Proposer to put forward the motion for debate (3 minutes)		
03:00		The Proposer then puts the motion forward for debate (4 minutes)			
07:00			The Chairman then invites the Opposer to reply		
08:00				The Opposer replies to the motion (4 minutes)	
12:00			The Chairman then introduces the Seconders to the Proposition		
13:00	The Seconder to the Proposition has their opportunity to Second the Motion (3 minutes)				
17:00			The Chairman then introduces the Seconders to the		

			Opposition		
18:00					The Seconder to the Opposition has their opportunity to oppose the Motion (3 minutes)
21:00			The Chairman then throws the debate open to the speakers from the floor of the house for a maximum (5 minutes) Then asks The Opposer to Sum Up		
26:00				The Opposer then gives the final reply (4 minutes)	
30:00		The Proposer then gives the final reply (4 minutes)			
34:00			The Chairman shall then sum up the debate reminding everyone of the exact terms of the motion – The Chairman shall appoint tellers at his/her discretion. The vote shall take place by a show of hands. The Chairman will announce the result and declare the meeting closed. (No time Limit)		

### 1.3. **Role descriptions**

- 1.1. The team will comprise of a Chairman, two principal speakers and two support speakers.
- 1.2. The teams will be split so that that (for example) the Chairman from Team A will work with the Proposer and Seconder from Team B and the Opposer and Seconder from Team C. The Chairman and Debaters must be available to meet each other at least thirty minutes before competing time, to enable the Chairman to prepare his/her introductory notes.
- 1.3. Debating subjects in the National Finals will be provided by the NFYFC twenty-one days prior to the Final (19<sup>th</sup> June 2021). Area rounds will debate subjects provided by the Area Committee twenty-one days prior to the competition.
- 1.4. Competitors may use notes but may be penalised if these are excessive.
- 1.5. The situation should be that of a formal meeting.

- 1.6. The Chairman opens the meeting, introduces the debate and the debater and then calls upon the Proposer to put the motion for debate. He/she will then invite the Opposer to reply. "Competitors should not respond directly to these points or questions, but rather refer to them in their summary speeches."
- 1.7. The Seconders for the proposition and opposition will speak in turn.
- 1.8. The Chairman shall then throw the debate open to speakers from the floor of the house for a maximum of five minutes. The competitors may respond to the floor during their summary within the allocated time limit.
- 1.9. The Chairman will then ask for OPPOSER TO SUM UP.
- 1.10. The Proposer then speaks for the last time.
- 1.11. The Chairman, as concisely and impartially as possible, shall sum up the debate ending by reminding members of the exact terms of the motion.
- 1.12. The Chairman at his/her discretion may appoint tellers.
- 1.13. The Vote shall be taken by a show of hands.
- 1.14. The Chairman shall announce the result of the Vote and declare the meeting closed.

2. **SCALE OF MARKS** – Marks will be scored for technique in opening the proceedings.

Chairman	40 (Chairmanship 25 – Summary 15)
Proposer	25
Opposer	25
Secunder	25
Secunder	25
Proposer (for quality of debate in summary)	30
Opposer (for quality of debate in summary)	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>200</u></b>

3. **TIMING**

3.1. Time shall be allocated as follows:

Chairman	Opening	3 minutes
Proposer		4 minutes
Secunder		3 minutes
Opposer		4 minutes
Secunder		3 minutes
Chairman (open to floor)		5 minutes maximum
Opposer (final reply)		4 minutes
Proposer (final reply)		4 minutes

