

Tournament of Kindness — World Schools Debate Motions

Preliminary Rounds 1–2 — Prepared

Motion: This House would allow students to use artificial intelligence for school assignments if they disclose how they used it.

Information Slide:

For this debate, “artificial intelligence” refers to generative AI tools that can produce text, images, audio, video, or computer code in response to a user’s instructions. “Disclosure” means that the student identifies the AI tool and explains how it was used. This motion does not include tests or examinations.

Side Assignment:

Teams will debate this motion in both Rounds 1 and 2. Each team will debate one round on Proposition and one round on Opposition. Teams will switch sides between Rounds 1 and 2.

Preliminary Rounds 3–4 — Prepared

Motion: This House would recognize esports as an official school extracurricular activity.

Information Slide:

“Esports” refers to organized, competitive video gaming between individuals or teams. “Official school extracurricular activity” means a school-recognized program that may receive access to a faculty sponsor, meeting or practice space, equipment, competition opportunities, and school funding. The motion does not require esports to replace traditional sports.

Side Assignment:

Teams will debate this motion in both Rounds 3 and 4. Each team will debate one round on Proposition and one round on Opposition. Teams will switch sides between Rounds 3 and 4.

Preliminary Round 5 & Elimination Round 1 — Prepared

Motion: This House would require social media platforms to verify a user's age before allowing the user to create an account.

Information Slide:

For this debate, "age verification" means that a social media platform must take reasonable steps to confirm that a prospective user meets the platform's minimum age requirement before an account is created. The motion does not prescribe a particular verification method.

Round 5 sides will be assigned by Tabroom.com so that each team receives its designated Proposition or Opposition side for the round.

This motion will also be used in Elimination Round 1.

- If the two teams in an Elimination Round 1 pairing previously debated one another in Round 5, they will switch sides from their Round 5 debate.
- If the two teams did not debate one another in Round 5, the tournament will flip for sides before Elimination Round 1.

This ensures that a rematch does not place teams on the same sides they debated in Round 5, while providing a neutral side-assignment procedure for new matchups.

Elimination Round 2 — Prepared

Motion: This House would ban advertising of unhealthy food and drinks targeted at children under 16.

Information Slide:

For this debate, "targeted at children under 16" means advertising designed, placed, or promoted primarily to reach audiences under age 16. "Unhealthy food and drinks" refers to products that exceed applicable public-health nutrition standards for ingredients such as added sugar, salt, or saturated fat.

Elimination Round 3 — Prepared

Motion: This House would impose mandatory term limits on members of national legislatures.

Information Slide:

For this debate, "national legislature" refers to a country's primary national lawmaking body or bodies, such as a parliament, congress, or national assembly. "Term limits" means a legal limit on the total number of terms an individual may serve as a member of that national legislature. The motion does not apply to regional or local offices.