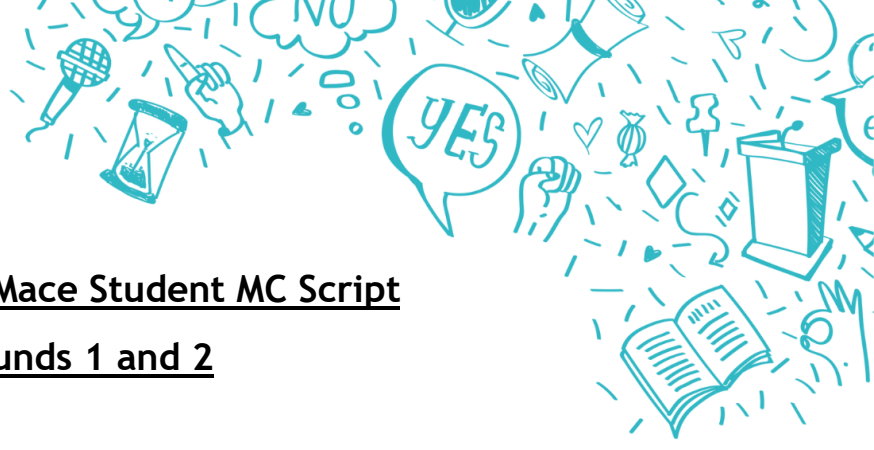




ESU Schools' Mace Student MC Script

Rounds 1 and 2

Thank you for volunteering as a student MC for an ESU Schools' Mace debating competition heat! Your role is to make both participants and the audience feel welcome, and to ensure the debate runs to time.

At your heat, there will be an ESU staff member called the Competition Lead. They will start the event by introducing the competition, explaining the rules and outlining the format. When it's time for the debating to begin, they will hand over to you to introduce the motion and the debaters.

Your job will be to announce the motion and the names of the schools speaking for the Proposition and Opposition. You'll find this information in the heat running order sent to your teacher. We recommend adding the motion and school names into your script in advance, so everything runs smoothly.

Finally, please remember this script is just a guideline—you can personalise it if you wish. Directions are included in **grey** and any words shown in **blue** should be adapted to fit the specific circumstances of your heat.

Wait for the Competition Lead to introduce you before beginning:

Let's get started! The **first/second/third** motion is **Insert Motion Here**. Please join me in welcoming **Name of Proposition School**, who will be arguing for the proposition, and **Name of Opposition School**, who will be arguing for the opposition.

(Lead applause. Please refer to the draw on the judges briefing for motions and pairings for this heat. After introducing the schools, motion for the debaters to come to the front and take their places.)

Starting with the proposition, debaters can you please introduce yourself by stating your name, your pronouns if you wish, and your position in the debate.

(Encourage the proposition team to introduce themselves, starting with the first speaker. Repeat for the opposition team.)

Let's begin by welcoming our first speaker from the proposition!

(Lead applause and motion for the first proposition speaker to begin.)

The timer will begin when you start speaking.

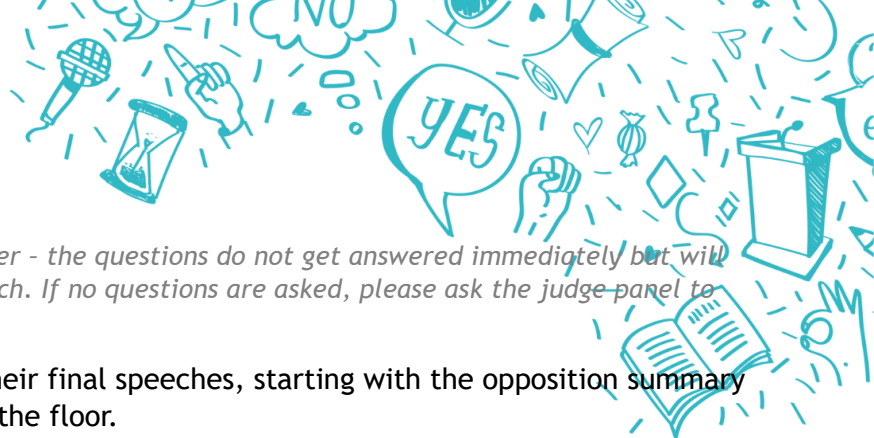
(Motion to the Timekeeper to begin or take the time yourself.)

[After first proposition speaker finishes] Thank you very much for that speech. Please join me in welcoming the first opposition speaker to the floor.

(Lead applause and motion for the first opposition speaker to begin.)

(Repeat for second proposition and opposition speakers.)

[After second opposition speaker finishes] Thank you! We're now going to open the floor to questions. Does anyone have a question that they'd like to ask the debaters?



(3 or 4 questions are acceptable per side. Remember - the questions do not get answered immediately but will instead be addressed in each team's summary speech. If no questions are asked, please ask the judge panel to fulfil this role.)

Great questions! Now, back to the teams for their final speeches, starting with the opposition summary speaker. Please join me in welcoming them to the floor.

(Lead applause and motion for the opposition summary speaker to begin.)

Thank you for that summary. Now, I'd like to welcome the last speaker for the proposition to wrap up this debate.

(Lead applause and motion for the proposition summary speaker to begin.)

Thank you for a fantastic debate! We will now give the judges some time to document their notes before welcoming the next teams for our [second/third](#) motion. Please give our speakers one final round of applause.

(Lead applause and motion for the debaters to leave the floor and return to their seats in the audience.)

(Repeat the above Debate steps for subsequent debates.)

After the last debate finishes, the Competition Lead will thank you for your time and continue as MC.



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