Evatt Competition Debate Cheat Sheet
Updated December 2017

START	1. President announces resolution topic 2. Call for a Proposer and a Seconder from those nations in favour *[raise your placard if you're in favour]*

OPENING DEBATE	3. Proposer speaks in favour of the resolution
	[two minutes]
	    (a) One or two "points of information" for the Proposer
	    [raise your placard to ask a question]
	    (b) Proposer yields floor to the chair
	    [they cannot yield to any other member state]
	
	4. Note passing, amendments and negotiation room all open.
	[You must send a note to the chair with your stance if you wish to speak]
	
	5. Seconder to speaks in favour of the resolution
	[two minutes]
	    (a) One or two points of information for the Proposer
	    [raise placard to ask a question]
	    (b) Seconder yields floor to the chair
	    [they cannot yield to any other member state]
	
	6. State **against** the resolution chosen from the speakers' list.
	    (a) One or two points of information for the opposing state
	    [raise placard to ask a question]
	    (b) Team yields the floor to the chair or another state
	    [they can yield to another state against; that state will speak after caucus]
	
	7. 3 minutes of caucus time. *[must stand up, move around]*

DURING DEBATE	8. Chair calls on speakers for and against, alternating if no yields
	[2 minute speeches; can be shorter if Chair decrees it]
	    (a) Each state answers a few points of information
	       [ask a question by raising your placard]
	    (b) State yields floor
	       [they can yield to any member state on their side of the speakers list, or back to the chair]
	N.B. After first caucus (#7), Chair will start considering amendments. Chair may also call more caucuses.

AMENDMENTS	9. Chair picks an amendment to consider; closes negotiation room
	[Amendments considered in order of relevance to debate (seen through co-sponsors) + impact on resolution]
	
	10. Chair will read out the amendment a few times
	[write it down! Ask them to repeat it if you need to]
	
	11. Chair holds a vote on whether or not **to debate** the amendment. The Chair *might* grant the proposer time to explain the amendment if the amendment is complicated.
	[vote needs a simple majority to pass]
	
	12. If it passes – Chair opens the speaking list on the resolution and calls on the Proposer of the resolution to speak in favour
	    (a) Points of information as per usual
	       [raise your placard to ask a question]
	    (b) An amendment proposer **can** yield the floor
	       [yield either to another state or the chair]
	
	Sometimes if the vote passes, the Chair will instead call caucus.
	
	13. If the debate vote fails – go directly to a vote on the amendment.
	[Simple majority to pass.]
	
	14. Amendment debate continues just like a resolution.
	
	15. Chair ends debate and we move to a vote on **the approval** of the amendment
	[Simple majority to pass.]
	
	16. Regardless of whether the amendment passes or fails, we go back to the resolution debate as if nothing happened. But you **can** change your stance (from for to against), which gets you another speaking opportunity.

CLOSING DEBATE	17. Before the Chair closes the debate, they grant a final caucus time of 1-3 minutes. 18. Proposer delivers a Right of Reply (final, bonus speech in favour). *[Proposer may designate another member to deliver. Must still be in favour to deliver ROR. If not, moves to Seconder, and then so on through the list of speakers in favour of the resolution.]* 19. Conduct the Final vote on the resolution *[Roll call. Requires three-fifths (and no veto votes) of the total number of members. So an abstention is essentially a non-vetoing-no.]*