

SCORING CRITERIA – MIDDLE SCHOOL ETHICS BOWL

Presentation (10 points)

- Did the team clearly and systematically identify and thoroughly discuss the case's central ethical dimensions?
- Did the team consider different viewpoints, including those most likely to be cited by those who disagree with the team's position?

Open Dialogue (10 points)

- Did the team directly and critically answer questions posed by the other team, and propose original ideas?
- Did the team build on the ideas of others, so as to meaningfully explore different ethical perspectives and positions relevant to the case question?
- Did the team focus on ethical concepts during the dialogue?
- *A Team should lose points if they do any of the following:*
 - *dominate the dialogue by not sharing the air (- 2 pts)*
 - *only ask questions of the other team (- 1 pt)*
 - *never contribute new ideas, instead only repeat points from presentation (- 2 pts)*

Judges Questions (10 points)

- Were the team's responses thoughtfully composed and well developed?
- Did the team directly address the judges' questions?
- Did the responses indicate an awareness of the core ethical issues within each question?

Final Question (5 points)

What point or points did the other team make that really made you think?

Respectful Dialogue (5 points)

Did the team uphold the spirit of the ethics bowl by demonstrating open-mindedness, taking turns, listening actively, and maintaining civility especially when disagreements arose? Teams scoring highly contribute to a collaborative discussion aimed at genuinely thinking through the issues. Teams that score poorly resort to rhetorical flourishes, adopt a critical or condescending tone, don't engage with the other team's points, or are unduly adversarial.

Presentations, Open Dialogue, and Judges' Questions are scored using the same ten-point scale:

- 9-10 = Excellent
- 7-8 = Very Good
- 5-6 = Good
- 3-4 = Fair
- 1-2 = Needs improvement

The Final Question and Respectful Dialogue categories are scored on a 1-5 scale:

- 5 = Excellent
- 4 = Very Good
- 3 = Good
- 2 = Fair
- 1 = Needs improvement



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NAME OF JUDGE: _____

ETHICS BOWL ROUND SCORE SHEET

TEAM A NAME: _____

TEAM B NAME: _____

*Please score using only whole numbers
Total maximum score: 40 points*

I. PRESENTATION

Team A _____ / 10

Team B _____ / 10

II. OPEN DIALOGUE

Team A _____ / 10

Team B _____ / 10

III. JUDGES QUESTIONS

Team A _____ / 10

Team B _____ / 10

IV. FINAL QUESTION

Team A _____ / 5

Team B _____ / 5

V. RESPECTFUL DIALOGUE

Team A _____ / 5

Team B _____ / 5

Final Score: Team A _____ / 40

Team B _____ / 40

Please use the back of the score sheet for comments and feedback to the teams.