

C O N S T I T U T I O N

of the

BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the **BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM**, in order to promote forensic activities, do hereby establish this constitution for the Debate Team of Barrington High School.

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1 The name of this organization will be the **DEBATE TEAM OF BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL**.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

Section 1 The purpose of this organization will be to:

1. Promote forensic activities at Barrington High School.
2. Create an educational opportunity in the fields of law and politics.
3. Provide awareness of current social, economic and political issues.
4. Create an arena for healthy interscholastic competition.
5. Instruct interested students in the development of speech and research skills.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 The **BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM** will be composed of interested students who attend Barrington High School.

Section 2 Qualifications:

1. School requirements concerning extracurricular activities must be met.
2. Any member absent without proper excuse from four consecutive meetings will be removed from the team roster. Team officers are expected to attend one meeting a week.

**ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS**

Section 1 The BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM will consist of a president, vice president, secretary and a treasurer.

Section 2 Officers will be elected in the spring for the next school year.

Section 3 Officers will serve for one school year.

Section 4 The dismissal of an officer will result in a prompt re-election of that office.

**ARTICLE V
DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE OFFICERS**

Section 1 President:

1. Will act as the team representative and spokesperson.
2. Will call additional meetings as needed.
3. Will assume others responsibilities which arise in his/her tenure.

Section 2 Vice President:

1. Will assume presidential duties in the president's absence.
2. Will assume the duties of other absent officers.

Section 3 Secretary:

1. Will responsibly courier all debate invitations and notices to meetings.
2. Will call role and mark attendance at the opening of each meeting.
3. Will assist in National Forensic League record-keeping and correspondence.
4. Will furnish a complete report of the team's accomplishments at the year's end.

Section 4 Treasurer:

1. Will keep an accurate record of expenditures and incomes.

Section 5 Members of the **BARRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM:**

1. Will participate in team activities and events.
2. Will regularly attend weekly team meetings.

**ARTICLE VI
DATES AND TIMES OF MEETINGS**

Section 1 The team will meet on a weekly basis during the debate season in the school year. Dates and times of the meetings will be determined at the start of the school year.

**ARTICLE VII
DATE EFFECTIVE**

Section 1 This constitution will be in effect after its ratification by the school board.