Lesson 9: Round Etiquette and Speech Skills

Global Public Forum

In-person debate rounds

- Engage with opponents
- More personal exchange of ideas
- Body language
- Facial expressions
- Eye contact



In-person round tips

- Set up an email chain or some form to see cards between opponents
- Set up a space to stand during speeches
- Stand for all speeches
- Pre-flow before entering the room



Debate attire

- Western Business Attire
- Leaves a good impression
- Not needed for online tournaments
- Examples of WBA:
- Formal dress
- Suit + tie



In-person crossfire

- Look at the judge instead of the opponent
- Engage with the person who is the decision maker
- Stand for every crossfire except grand crossfire
- Conveys confidence and attentiveness



Speech drills

- Pen in mouth speech drill
- Tongue twisters
- Slow and steady speeches
- Record speeches and review

