DDF STANDARDS OF ETIQUETTE

- 1. Debaters should introduce themselves to their opponents before the match and shake hands with them afterwards.
- 2. Observers should never enter a competition room while a competitor is speaking, debating or performing. Wait for a break.
- 3. Observers should sit quietly while a competitor is performing. They should not cheer or show favoritism. Politely applaud all performances.
- 4. Competitors should make eye contact with the judge and timer and thank them politely before leaving the room.
- 5. Competitors should show good sportsmanship throughout a tournament. They should not leave a competition room in anger, regardless of what happened during their event.
- 6. Debaters must maintain a neutral demeanor while listening to an opponent. No sarcastic remarks or personal attacks during rebuttal.
- 7. All competitors, regardless of ability or personality, must be treated with courtesy and respect. The same goes for judges and timers.
- 8. Debaters should not monopolize an opponent's cross examination time with needlessly long answers.
- 9. DDF has a tradition of self critique. Comments to teammates should be constructive and accepted gracefully by the recipient.
- 10. Students will be expected to dress up for tournaments. No jeans, Carhartts, shorts, T-shirts or similar clothing. Males should wear a jacket and either a tie or turtleneck. Females should wear comparable conservative attire, including skirts no higher than 2 inches above the knee and appropriate coverage. (Casual clothing is acceptable while traveling and at the hotel.)

I hereby agree to follow the DDF Standards of Etiquette. I understand that failure to follow these Standards of Etiquette may result in my removal from the Homer High School DDF Team.

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