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MARL Ethics Slam 2019 | Rules and Format

Ethics Slam Rules

1. Teams are made up of 2- 5 members
2. Members must be at least 18 years of age - in other words you cannot have a 16-year-old shouting the answer from the front door of the Pub.
3. Teams cannot bribe the judges with food or drinks - first attempt will receive a yellow card followed by a disqualification for a second attempt.*
4. Teams cannot use performance enhancers, such as props or costumes, to distract the judges or audience, or to embellish poor performance *but they can drink as much beer as they want!

Format

5. Questions are randomly drawn from a hat by the moderator- different question for each team.*
6. Each team is given 2 minutes to confer and 2 minutes to present.*
7. Team to select one person to present for each round.*
8. A different team member must be selected to present for each question. All team members must have presented at least once before a team member can be selected to present a second time. You can be disqualified if you do so and tears will be shed.

Judging

9. Judging will be done by three members of the community selected by MARL* as well as the audience, each judge and the overall audience will be responsible for 25% of the mark respectively.
10. Judges have 30 seconds to determine the points the team will receive based on the following* with each section having a total value of 5 points each:
 1. clear and systematic presentation of content
 2. clear identification of ethical dimensions
 3. awareness of different viewpoints
 4. audience appeal and overall presentation
11. At the end of a round, each judge will have one to two minutes to comment on the highlights of the most pithiness and impactful (slammy) part of the team's presentation.*

Audience

12. Each member of the audience is encouraged to vote using the audience score sheets.
13. Audience must remain silent when the teams present.
14. Hecklers will receive a yellow card from judges if they are causing a disturbance, if reprimanded by judges a second time they will have to choose from the following as their consequence:
 1. submit a team for next year
 2. buy a round for the team that they heckled
 3. leave through the door of shame.

* adopted or modified from the Ann Arbour Ethics Slam