



## **MARL Ethics Slam 2020 | Rules and Format**

### **Ethics Slam Rules**

1. Teams are made up of 2- 6 members \*
2. Teams cannot bribe the judges with food or drinks - first attempt will receive a yellow card followed by a disqualification for a second attempt. \*
3. 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 message's honesty
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. answer a question chosen by the committee
  4. leave through the door in shame.

*\*Adopted or inspired from Ann Arbor Ethics Slam rules*