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- They will be “chairing” the debate.
- They will first **introduce the proposition** of the debate
- They will **introduce the teams and their members** (by name).
- They will be the **time-keeper**, meaning they will ensure that each speaker sticks to their time (warn them after 3 min passed/60 seconds left (**POI closes-sign**), stop them (i.e. ask for closing lines) at exceeding by 30 secs at 4:30*).
- In other words: The **total time** the speaker may have is **4 min**, so POI are **ok after 1:00**, POI **close at 3:00**, stop speaker at **4:30 at the latest**.
 - *Note: Blue team, Govt 3rd speaker: 6 minutes max & 1 speech only!

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- The chairperson *might* need to **stop unwarranted interruptions** by the opposing team during the speeches. Especially during the protected time of the first and last minute of each speaker's speech (=No POIs).
- **Only 2 POIs** are allowed **per speech**. The speaker needs to acknowledge the POI and then respond. If the opposing team tries more than 2 POIs per speech *once the speaker has already responded to 2*, the chairperson should help the speaker wave these down.
- POIs have to be kept **SHORT**. The chairperson needs to intervene if they are too long!
- The chairperson will not be asked to vote on which was the winning team. They must remain neutral from beginning to end.

