

## Worksheet 2

### THE RULES

Junior Debating is deeply rooted in a sincere respect for others.

An attitude of respectfulness is key.

From this, all the other skills can spring up.

Against this background, the most essential rules are the following:

1. Both debate parties take their roles alternately!

The leading principle is equality of opportunities.

A contribution by one team is always followed by a contribution of the other team.

2. No interruptions of the opponents!

The leading principle is freedom of expression.

Every team has the right to speak undisturbed.

3. No put-downs of the opponents!

The leading principle is the Golden Rule.

Remarks which are degrading and which offend the other's dignity—  
are utterly unacceptable.

The same is true for debate contributions that make the other  
and her arguments look silly—

they are entirely unacceptable.

To summarize these rules:

**THE 'OTHER' IS NOT MY ENEMY BUT MY OPPONENT!**