



# Training Your Team



*Always Growing*

# Necessary Skills and Abilities



- MUN Skills
  - Speaking
  - Writing
  - Committee Procedure
- General Abilities
  - Thinking quickly and on one's feet
  - Diplomacy
  - Flexibility
  - Creativity

# Speaking Skills



- “Oinking” game
  - Divide students into groups
  - Give them about 2 minutes each to talk on a subject.
  - Everytime the student uses a filler word, the group oinks so as to show the student how much they are using filler words while speaking.
- Classic Debate
  - Pick a semi-controversial topic (i.e. is the tomato a vegetable or a fruit) and divide students into teams to debate on the winner

# Writing Skills



- Analyze a writing and break it down into sections
  - Position Paper
  - Working Paper/Resolution
  - Crisis Directive
  - Crisis Note
- Look at each part separately and figure out WHY it's there
  - Ex: What purpose do preambulatory clauses serve?
  - Ex: Why do you have to put a comma here but a semicolon there?
- Don't be afraid to use examples online or word banks!
- Practice, even just in little bites of time! Pick a section and apply it to a fun topic.
  - Ex: What would be some good operative clauses for a resolution concerning making key lime pie the national dessert?

# Parliamentary Procedure (Parli Pro)



- The biggest struggle is being comfortable with the terms and actions.
- Provide copies so they have a guidebook to reply on
- Incorporate aspects into meetings or practices - Practice different aspects regularly
  - Ex: begin with roll call
  - Ex: take motions to formally open debate

# Practicing



- Run meetings with Parli Pro
- Run simulations if you can
  - Chair can be either an advisor, experienced delegate, or rotated between people
  - Allows delegates the chance to experience being on either side of the dias
- Current Events - multi purpose
  - Have open debates on current events and topics
  - Call on delegates to discuss ideas in \*basically\* a moderated caucus
  - Can practice speaking, parli pro, and committee procedure