

## HOW TO GIVE TO GIVE Q 2NR

### A. Three things to win

1. Offense - what could I win this debate on?
2. Defense - what could I lose this debate on?
3. Prioritize - what definitely needs to be answered? (turns, <sup>↓ theory</sup> concls)

### B. Listen to the IAR. Catch red flags.

1. Time Allocation
2. Repetitive Language

### C. Every 2NR needs an overview.

1. This writes the ballot. Shape how the judge characterizes the args. You should see your language in the RFD.
2. Be honest.
3. Set up multiple ballots. "If we win this, X happens & we win. If we lose this, Y happens, & we win."
4. First & last args are most important. First 30 secs pre-written.
5. Use your partner to prep. Split up jobs. Ask the 1N to prep case. Ask them what they think about your strat.

### D. Always close doors.

1. "If you can't find this in the IAR, it shouldn't be in the 2AR."
2. Even if statements
3. They will say X, but Y
4. Predict off pivots.

### E. Thinking Backwards

1. Starts before the debate starts. Think about the 2NR before the INC. Never read a time suck in the INC. Every arg in the INC can be a 2NR strat if you do it correctly.
2. Prep time for the 2NR is gold.
3. Start prepping the 2NC before the debate. (check the wiki for opponents' advs)
4. Always think about the best possible IAR args, bc the 2AR is the best version of IAR args. Go beyond answering the IAR args. If you're neck & neck at the end of the 2NR, you've lost. (Do this through even-if statements.)