

# The debater's code– 1

## **I am a debater.**

- I attempt to be worthy of this title by striving to observe the code of the debater.

## **•FOR MYSELF**

- I will research my topic and know what I am talking about.
- I will respect the subject matter of my debates.
- I will choose persuasion over coercion and violence.
- I will learn from victory and especially from defeat.
- I will be a generous winner and a gracious loser.
- I will remember and respect where I came from, even though I am now a citizen of the world.
- I will apply my criticism of others to myself.
- I will strive to see myself in others.
- I will, in a debate, use the best arguments I can to support the side I am on.
- I will, in life, use the best arguments I can to determine which side I am on.

## The debater's code– 2

### •FOR the OTHERS

- I will respect their rights to freedom of speech and expression, even though we may disagree.
- I will respect my partners, opponents, judges, coaches, and tournament officials.
- I will be honest about my arguments and evidence and those of others.
- I will help those with less experience, because I am both student and teacher.
- I will be an advocate in life, siding with those in need and willing to