

Student Debates Format Guidelines for the *Journal of Insect Science* (JIS)

1. The student debates manuscript format includes the following section:
 - a. Introduction providing information on when and where the debates took place and which topics were debated.
 - b. For each topic debated, an unbiased introduction followed by the arguments of the teams that debated the topic in question.
 - c. Acknowledgments.
 - d. References cited.
2. The student debates do not include figures or tables.
3. Authors are presented in the paper in the following way: a full list of all authors should appear on the title page of the paper. In addition, the authors of each unbiased introduction and pro/con section should be listed at the top of the section they authored.
 - a. Order of authors for title page of paper:
 - i. First author – the person who writes the introduction and summary to the student debates manuscript and pulls all of the content together in one manuscript. This is usually the SAC chair as they lead the debates subcommittee.
 - ii. Unbiased introductory speaker for topic 1
 - iii. Captain of first team for topic 1 followed by team members
 - iv. Captain of second team for topic 1 followed by team members
 - v. Unbiased introductory speaker for topic 2
 - vi. Captain of first team for topic 2 followed by team members
 - vii. Captain of second team for topic 2 followed by team members
 - viii. Unbiased introductory speaker for topic 3
 - ix. Captain of first team for topic 3 followed by team members
 - x. Captain of second team for topic 3 followed by team members
 - b. Members of the student debates subcommittee, the faculty advisor, and any other editors of the document will be listed in the acknowledgements.
4. All those listed as authors in the student debates should have contributed to the writing of the paper, and all those who contributed to the writing of the paper should be listed as authors. Other individuals who contributed comments, thoughts, and guidance but did not write the paper should be listed in the Acknowledgments section.
5. The paper should provide the authority, order, and family for all organisms that are central to the paper (including plants, bacteria, and other non-arthropod organisms) at the first mention of the organism. Organisms mentioned in passing or whose importance to the paper is limited do not need to have full authority, order, and family listed, nor do mentions of common names of groups (e.g., mosquitoes, beetles, ticks, etc.).

6. Read the JIS author guidelines carefully and abide by their requirements, particularly with regard to the formatting of references.
7. New submissions to JIS must meet the following formatting requirements. Papers that do not meet these requirements on initial submission are returned to the author for correction, so you can speed the review process by using the items below as a checklist.
 - a. Continuous line numbers.
 - b. Double-spaced lines.
 - c. Left justification.
 - d. A title page and abstract in the main document.
 - e. A main document in a doc, docx, tex (converted to PDF for review), or rtf file type.
 - f. All coauthors entered into the online review system (email addresses required)
 - g. References listed in alphabetical order, cited by author and year in the text (not numbered).
 - h. Text is single-column.
8. Revised submissions to JIS are required to meet all formatting requirements outlined in the JIS author guidelines.