

The Debate

Team Debate Format:

Affirmative position debater presents constructive debate points. (6 minutes)

- A good introduction that attracts the audience's attention and interest in the topic
- Clearly state the resolution
- Clearly state each of your contentions
- Support with reason and evidence
- Conclude effectively

Negative position debater cross-examines affirmative points. (3 minutes)

- You ask questions – have a strategy or at the very least a direction to your questioning
- Be courteous
- Face the audience

Negative position presents constructive debate points. (7 minutes)

- A good introduction that attracts the audience's attention and interest in the topic
- Clearly state the Negative's position on the topic
- Clearly state the Negative's Observations
- Support with reason and evidence
- Attack and question the Affirmative's contentions/evidence
- Conclude effectively

Affirmative position cross-examines negative points. (3 minutes)

- You ask questions – have a strategy or at the very least a direction to your questioning
- Be courteous
- Face the audience

Affirmative position offers first rebuttal (4 minutes)

- Respond to the Negative Observations – show how they are not as strong/relevant as the Affirmative Contentions
- Rebuild the Affirmative case

Negative position offers rebuttal (6 minutes)

- Respond to latest Affirmative arguments
- Make your final case to the audience that the Neg position is superior to the Aff
- Try and convince the audience the Aff has failed to carry the burden of proof
- Summarize the debate and conclude effectively and ask for the audience to agree with the Neg position

Affirmative position offers second rebuttal (3 minutes)

- Respond to final Negative arguments
- Summarize the debate and show the audience how the Aff position is superior – and the Aff has carried the burden of proof
- Conclude effectively