

Classic Debate League

Format and Time Limits

Affirmative Constructive	6 Minutes	In this prepared speech, the affirmative presents their arguments in favor of the resolution. The speech should be pre-written.
Cross-Examination	3 Minutes	The 1st Negative Speaker cross-examines the 1st Affirmative Speaker
Negative Constructive	6 Minutes	In this prepared speech, the negative presents their arguments in opposition to the resolution. The speech should be pre-written and is not expected to directly address the arguments made during the affirmative constructive.
Cross-Examination	3 Minutes	The 2nd Affirmative Speaker cross-examines the 1st Negative Speaker
1 st Negative Rebuttal	5 Minutes	The purpose of this speech is for the 2nd Negative Speaker to refute the arguments presented in the affirmative constructive.
Cross-Examination	3 Minutes	The 1st Affirmative Speaker cross-examines the 2nd Negative Speaker
Preparation Time	2 Minutes	
1 st Affirmative Rebuttal	7 Minutes	The 2nd Affirmative Speaker should first refute the arguments presented in the negative constructive. Then, the speaker should answer the attacks made during the 1 st negative rebuttal.
Cross-Examination	3 Minutes	The 2nd Negative Speaker cross-examines the 2nd Affirmative Speaker
Preparation Time	2 Minutes	
2 nd Negative Rebuttal	6 Minutes	The 1st Negative Speaker should divide this speech between the negative and affirmative cases. The debater must both rebuild the negative attacks on the affirmative constructive and then rebuild his or her own case.
Preparation Time	2 Minutes	
2 nd Affirmative Rebuttal	4 Minutes	The 1st Affirmative Speaker should divide this speech between the negative and affirmative cases. The debater must both rebuild the affirmative attacks on the negative constructive and then rebuild his or her own case.
Preparation Time	2 Minutes	
Negative Summary	3 Minutes	The 2nd Negative Speaker presents their closing argument. This speech should summarize the primary reasons for the judge to reject the resolution based on the arguments made and evidence presented throughout the debate.
Preparation Time	2 Minutes	
Affirmative Summary	3 Minutes	The 2nd Affirmative Speaker presents their closing argument. This speech should summarize the primary reasons for the judge to affirm the resolution based on the arguments made and evidence presented throughout the debate.