

Outline of a Debate Round

Both teams are given a specified amount of preparation time (usually ten minutes) to use throughout the round.

1AC: 1st Affirmative Constructive Speech

9 minutes

Present the affirmative speech.

CROSS-X: 2nd Negative Speaker Cross Examines 1st Aff. Speaker

3 minutes

1. ****Asking the affirmative team to list their stock issues one by one does not mean you are stupid – it means that you will not miss any of their arguments.**
2. Ask questions to set up the negative arguments you will use in your next speech. You can use their answers against them later.
3. Show the judge what a wonderful person you are. Be sure not to attack, spit, or yell. Judges don't like that.

1NC: 1st Negative Constructive Speech

9 minutes

Present the on-case and off-case arguments.

CROSS-X: 1st Affirmative Speaker Cross Examines 1st Neg. Speaker

3 minutes

1. Ask them to list all of their on-case and off-case arguments. Some off-case arguments are only one or two cards long and you may have missed them.
2. Ask questions to set up the affirmative rebuttal arguments that you will use in your next speech. You can use their answers against them later.

2AC: 2nd Affirmative Constructive Speech

9 minutes

1. Make sure you address each of the negative arguments because if you drop one now, you cannot go back to it later.
2. This is your last chance to introduce new evidence cards. Now or never.
3. Defend your affirmative positions.

CROSS-X: 1st Negative Speaker Cross Examines 2nd Aff. Speaker

3 minutes

2NC: 2nd Negative Constructive Speech

9 minutes

1. This starts the negative block with two speeches in a row, only interrupted by cross-examination. Be sure to divide the labor – while the 2nd speaker is giving the speech, the 1st should be constructing the arguments for the 1NR. It is not recommended that much (if any) prep time be taken in between the negative block.
2. 2NC and 1NR should cover different issues.
3. Last chance to introduce new evidence cards. Now or never.

CROSS-X: 2nd Affirmative Speaker Cross Examines 2nd Negative Speaker

3 minutes

1NR: First Negative Rebuttal

6 minutes

Attack aff positions, defend neg positions.

1AR: First Affirmative Rebuttal

6 minutes

Answer *all* neg issues, defend aff positions. Do not drop any of the negative arguments!!! If you do, it implies concession.

2NR: Second Negative Rebuttal

6 minutes

Tell the judge why you win. Pick which of your arguments that the affirmative dropped and/or tell the judge why your arguments are more important than the affirmatives. Be very specific when picking which areas you have won on – judges don't like to have to think for themselves.

2AR: Second Affirmative Rebuttal

6 minutes

Tell the judge why you win and why the negative arguments are all bad. Go down the list.

Shake hands with the other team. Wait for judge's decision and ask for advice. Do not argue with the judge's decision.

**Adapted from Code of the Debater. <<http://debate.uvm.edu/code/009.html>>