

One Page Debate Reference Sheet

There are two sides in the debate: the proposition side and the opposition side. The proposition team makes a case for the motion for debate. The opposition team opposes the case made by the proposition team, through both direct and indirect refutation.

There are three debaters per side. Everyone gives one speech. This is the order of the speeches:

First proposition constructive – 5 minutes

This speaker makes a case for the motion for debate, providing a proof of the topic with three or four major points.

First opposition constructive – 5 minutes

This speaker makes several arguments against the proposition team's case and refutes the proposition's major points.

Second proposition constructive – 5 minutes

This speaker should rebuild and extend upon the proposition's case. This means that this speaker must extend and amplify the original proposition points and refute the opposition's major arguments against the case.

Second opposition constructive – 5 minutes

This speaker amplifies the opposition arguments against the case, providing new information about why the opposition team should win the debate. This speaker should answer the proposition's answers to the opposition team's original arguments.

Opposition rebuttal – 3 minutes

This speaker must put the debate together and explain why, given all of the arguments in the debate, the opposition team should still win the debate. Should finalize refutation of the proposition's major points.

Proposition rebuttal – 3 minutes

This speaker should summarize the issues in the debate and explain why, even with the opposition's arguments, the proposition teams should win the debate. Should refute the opposition's major points.

Points of information

May be a statement or a question. Can only be attempted during the middle three minutes of each constructive speech. May not be more than 15 seconds long. The speaker must recognize you to make your point. If the speaker does not recognize you, you must sit down.