

Policy/Cross-X Debate Format

<p>1AC (1st Affirmative Constructive) 8 mins</p> <p>The 1AC presents a plan for fulfilling the resolution. This could include support for why things are bad now (Status Quo), why these issues aren't being solved (Inherency), why the plan sticks to the resolution (Topicality), how the plan is possible (Solvency), and good things that will happen because of the plan (Advantages). This speech can be completely pre-written before a round.</p>	<p>CX (Cross-Examination or Cross-X) 3 mins</p> <p>2NC asks 1AC difficult questions to attack their case and clarify details.</p>	<p>1NC (1st Negative Constructive) 8 mins</p> <p>The 1NC's arguments against i. the plan and/or ii. the resolution itself fall into two sections:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>On-case</u>: specifically answering the 1AC's advantages, including attacking inherency and solvency, and 2. <u>Off-case</u>: Topicality [T], 1+ Disadvantages [DAs], a counterplan [CP] and/or a Kritik [K] 	<p>CX (Cross-X) 3 mins</p> <p>1AC asks 1NC</p>	<p>2AC (2nd Affirmative Constructive) 8 mins</p> <p>The 2AC has two jobs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Defense</u>: a response to the 1NC's comments on the 1AC, including DAs 2. <u>Offense</u>: a response to the 1NC's CP, Kritik, etc. <p>The 2AC may also extend on their own case by adding more details and points about why the Aff's plan is good.</p>	<p>CX (Cross-X) 3 mins</p> <p>1NC asks 2AC</p>	<p>2NC (2nd Negative Constructive) 8 mins</p> <p>The 2NC has two jobs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Defense</u>: a response to the 2AC's comments on the 1NC, including CPs, Ks, etc. 2. <u>Offense</u>: a response to the 2AC's comments about 1NC DAs, and attacking anything else the 2AC said about the Affirmative case <p>New arguments may also be made (depending on the judge); this makes the 1AR's job much more difficult.</p>	<p>CX (Cross-X) 3 mins</p> <p>2AC asks 2NC</p>
<p>1NR (1st Neg Rebuttal) 5 mins</p> <p>The 1NR covers anything the 2NC didn't have time to speak about or didn't have time to prepare for; this should be coordinated between the two speakers.</p>	<p>1AR (1st Aff Rebuttal) 5 mins</p> <p>Similarly to the 2AC & 2NC, this speech goes through offense and defense in replying to the 1NC & 1NR "Neg block" (13 mins total)</p>	<p>2NR (1st Neg Rebuttal) 5 mins</p> <p>The Neg team's last chance to frame the debate in their favor and explain why they won (should respond directly to 1AR). The 2NR may take the rest of the Neg's prep time.</p>	<p>2AR (1st Aff Rebuttal) 5 mins</p> <p>The Affirmative team's last chance to frame the debate in their favor and explain why they won (should also directly respond to 2NR).</p>				

*each team gets 5-8 minutes of prep time to be used before their speeches as desired

Notes:

1. Speech instructions are normal but basic. Successful debaters will study the role and strategy of each speech in detail.
2. Times for each speech vary by tournament and by level (high school/university). Please check tournament rules for clarification.
3. Each team has two speakers: the 1st Aff (1AC/1AR), 2nd Aff (2AC/2AR), 1st Neg (1NC/1NR), and 2nd Neg (2NC/2NR)