

- There will be one given resolution to two teams, who will be debating either in support or against the resolution.
- The first speaker on the affirmative team presents arguments in support of the resolution (2+1 minutes).
- The first speaker on the opposing team presents arguments opposing the resolution. (2+1 minutes)
- The second speaker on the affirmative team presents further arguments in support of the resolution, identifies areas of conflict, and answers questions that may have been raised by the opposition speaker. (2+1 minutes)
- The second speaker on the opposing team presents further arguments against the resolution, identifies further areas of conflict, and answers questions that may have been raised by the previous affirmative speaker. (2+1 minutes)
- A short recess for teams to prepare their rebuttals. (5 minutes)
- The opposing team begins with the rebuttal, attempting to defend the opposing arguments and to defeat the supporting arguments without adding any new information. (3 – 5 minutes)
- First rebuttal of the affirmative team (3 – 5 minutes)
- Each team gets a second rebuttal for closing statements with the affirmative team having the last opportunity to speak. (3 – 5 minutes)
- Deviation from the topic frequently or overusing the same point to establish a fact will lead to disqualification.
- The usage of statistics to maintain one's opinion should be very limited (at most 2) in the speaker's supporting or opposing argumentative statements.
- There cannot be any interruptions. Speakers must wait their turns. The judge may need to enforce the rules.