

Debate Topics and Times

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Resolved: In the United States criminal justice system, plea bargaining is just.

Please note that due to community consensus, we will offer 1 resolution for Open and Novice.

Time limits for LD are 6-3-7-3-4-6-3, with 4 minutes of preparation time per debater.

Parliamentary Debate (Parli)

Variety of fact, value, and policy resolutions-mass to be announced in the designated PARLI PREP room. After the mass announcement, students will have 20 minutes to develop their stances and then be expected to be in their designated competition rooms at the start of competition time.

Time limits for parliamentary debate are:

Prime Minister Constructive: 7 minutes

Leader of Opposition Constructive: 8 minutes

Member of Government Constructive: 8 minutes

Member of Opposition Constructive: 8 minutes

Leader of Opposition Rebuttal (must be given by 1st opposition): 4 minutes

Prime Minister Rebuttal (must be given by 1st proposition): 5 minutes.

NO ADDITIONAL PREP IS ALLOWED DURING THE ROUND. Evidence: (Please see the rules in tournament invitation).

Public Forum (PoFo)

Resolved: The United Kingdom should rejoin the European Union.

Time Limits/speaking times for public forum are:

Speaker 1 (Team A, 1st speaker) 4 min.

Speaker 2 (Team B, 1st speaker) 4 min.

Crossfire (between speakers 1 & 2) 3 min.

Speaker 3 (Team A, 2nd speaker) 4 min.

Speaker 4 (Team B, 2nd speaker) 4 min.

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Crossfire (between speakers 3 & 4) 3 min.

Speaker 1 Summary 3 min.

Speaker 2-Summary 3 min.

Grand Crossfire (all speakers)-3 min.

Speaker 3-Final Focus 2 mins.

Speaker 4-Final Focus 2 mins.

Each team may use up to three minutes of prep time.

Policy Debate

Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly increase its exploration and/or development of the Arctic.

Time limits for policy debate are 8-3-5 with 8 minutes of preparation per debate team. For debate, elimination rounds will begin with octa-finals or quarterfinals as entry size warrants.

SPAR Debate

Approximately 15 minutes before the round, judges will be emailed debate topics for the round (3 sets of topics per debate). Students will be chosen to debate against each other in pairs of two. Once both competitors are chosen and ready, initiate a coin toss and have the students choose heads or tails, whoever wins the coin toss may choose whether they are affirmative (AFF / PRO) or negation (NEG / CON). Each pair will then be given 3 debate topics by the judge. The AFF will strike one resolution and then the NEG will strike one of the two remaining topics, leaving the pair with one final topic and this is the topic for the debate.

Time limits for SPAR debate are:

2 min - AFF constructive speech

2 min - NEG cross examines AFF

2 min - NEG constructive speech

2 min - AFF cross examines NEG

2 min - AFF Rebuttal

2 min - NEG Rebuttal

There is no preparation time during the debate other than the 2 minutes at the start