Spontaneous Argumentation (also known as SPAR): A 10 minute debate performed without advanced preparation. The format will be as follows: The affirmative and the negative will be given two topics. At the end of a one minute preparation period, the affirmative will begin to debate on one of the two topics. The affirmative is allotted a two minute constructive speech followed by a one minute cross-examination. The negative will then have one minute to prepare a two minute constructive speech which will be followed by a one minute cross examination. Both speakers will then be allowed one minute for rebuttal without preparation time. The tone of the debate (serious or light-hearted) will be set by the first speaker. The second speaker should use the same tone.

Speaker Order and Times

Prop prep 1 minute **Prop Case** 2 minutes Opp Cross-Exam 1 minute Opp Prep 1 minute **Opp Case** 2 minutes Prop Cross-Exam 1 minute **Prop Rebuttal** 1 minute 1 minute Opp rebuttal