

names on the ballot showing the sides and the speaker order that have now been agreed upon. The relevant section of the ballot will look something like this:

Team Name/Code: _____	Side: ____	Team Name/Code: _____	Side: ____
Speaker 1: _____		Speaker 2: _____	
Speaker 3: _____		Speaker 4: _____	

The team assigned to speak first places their names in the places for Speaker 1 and 3 and writes the team name or code as it appears on the round assignment schematic. The side for the team speaking first is written after Side as either Pro or Con. The team assigned to speak last then places their names in the places for Speaker 2 and 4. The whole debate takes approximately one-half hour to complete and involves the following speeches and crossfire periods:

First Speaker - Team A = 4 Minutes

Second Speaker - Team B = 4 Minutes

Crossfire = 3 Minutes

Third Speaker - Team A = 4 Minutes

Fourth Speaker - Team B = 4 Minutes

Crossfire = 3 Minutes

Summary - First Speaker - Team A = 2 Minutes

Summary - Second Speaker - Team B = 2 Minutes

Grand Crossfire = 3 Minutes

Final Focus - Third Speaker - Team A = 1 Minute

Final Focus - Fourth Speaker - Team B = 1 Minute

Prep Time (per team) = 2 Minutes

WHAT HAPPENS IN EACH OF THE PUBLIC FORUM SPEECHES?

The 2006 national final in public forum debate pitted the team from Bishop Heelan High School (Sioux City, Iowa) against the team from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (Parkland, Florida). The transcript of this debate is presented in its entirety in Appendix C. Students interested in public forum debate should carefully examine this transcript to see how the most successful teams allocate time in their speeches.

The First Two Speeches: Unlike other competitive debate formats, public forum can start out with either a pro or a con speech, depending on the choices made after the coin