

Names: British Parliamentary (BP; Worlds Format; WUDC Format)

Number of teams: 4

Opening Government

Prime Minister or First Proposition

Deputy Prime Minister or Second Proposition

Closing Government

Member for the Government or Third Proposition

Government Whip or Fourth Proposition

Opening Opposition

Leader of the Opposition or First Opposition

Deputy Leader of the Opposition or Second Opposition

Closing Opposition

Member for the Opposition or Third Opposition

Opposition Whip or Fourth Opposition

Number of speakers: 8

Length of debate: 1 hour

Length of speeches: Usually seven minutes, although this may vary.

Topics: Because of the geographic range of Worlds as a format, the motions vary significantly between countries. As in other formats, politics, economics, and current and foreign affairs dominate. However, many competitions feature rounds with more specialized subjects and provide information slides to allow debaters to brief themselves on the pertinent facts.

Preparation: 15 minutes, taken between the time the motion is announced and the debate begins.

Key features: The four teams compete independently; speakers aim to beat both the other side and the other team on their side.

Unique terminology: **Extension**—The introduction of a major new platform of argument by the third government speaker (Member for the Government).

Knifing—Attempt by the third government speaker to abandon the definition introduced by the first government speaker (Prime Minister).

Points of Information: Yes

Cross-examination: No

Reply speeches: No