

Order of Speakers	Time	Speaker
1. First Proposition	8 minutes	First speaker of the Proposition
2. First Opposition	8 minutes	First speaker of the Opposition
3. Second Proposition	8 minutes	Second speaker of the Proposition
4. Second Opposition	8 minutes	Second speaker of the Opposition
5. Third Proposition	8 minutes	Third speaker for the Proposition
6. Third Opposition	8 minutes	Third speaker for the Opposition
7. Opposition Reply Speech	4 minutes	Can be delivered by either the 1st or 2nd Opposition speaker
8. Proposition Reply Speech	4 minutes	Can be delivered by either the 1st or 2nd Proposition speaker

Roles

The roles of the first six speakers are similar to those in many other formats—they will build cases and offer and rebut arguments. The inclusion of reply speeches creates an interesting dynamic, however. These may well be the most powerful speeches in the debate because they aim to guide the adjudicators on how they should award the debate.

- *First Proposition.* The role of the First Proposition is to give a definition of the motion that is reasonable and debatable. She also outlines the case as a whole for her side and explains which speaker will address which parts of the case (known as “case division”). She then begins the argumentation for her side. In dividing her team’s case, she should make sure to split it by subjects for argument rather than by stage of argumentation. Put simply, she should avoid allotting to herself a description of, for example, the particular status of an issue and to the second speaker the task of explaining why this is a good or bad thing. Taking such an approach, although laudably logical, leaves First Opposition with nothing to respond to. Instead, First Proposition might set out three areas for her side to consider before addressing one of them in totality and leave the remaining two for Second Proposition.