

Names: Asian Parliamentary (“Asians”)

Number of teams: 2 (Government or Affirmative; Opposition or Negative)

Number of speakers: 6

Length of debate: 50 minutes

Length of speeches: Constructive speeches: 7 minutes; reply speeches: 4 minutes.

Topics: Generally focused on politics, economics, and foreign affairs although they can relate to any subject so long as it contains two reasonable and mutually exclusive positions.

One important aspect that is unique to this format is the process of motion selection. Before the start of prep time, teams are presented with three motions, which they rank from 1 to 3. Teams compare motions, whichever motion has been ranked third by either team cannot be debated. If both have ranked the same motion first, that is the motion for debate. If both have ranked the same motion third but have the other two in reverse order, the matter is decided by the toss of a coin.

Preparation: 30 minutes, including motion selection

Key features: The requirement for the Negative to demonstrate that reasons exist to support them other than flaws in Affirmative’s case is made explicit in the rules of Asians, although there is no requirement for a counter-case. What this requires in practice is demonstrating that some other situation, including the status quo, would be preferable to the solution being proposed.

Unique terminology: **Biased adjudication**—Although the concept applies to reply speeches more generally, the term is most widely used in Asians.

Points of Information: Yes

Cross-examination: No

Reply speeches: Yes