



LD Debate Overview:

Round Format

Only two speakers are involved, one fulfilling the affirmative case responsibilities and the other, the negative. These positions are determined by the tournament officials prior to the schematic for the round being posted. Please confirm that the students competing match both the number and position that is on your ballot.

Emphasis is placed upon the issues involved rather than upon strategy in developing the case. The statement of the topic is a resolution of value rather than of policy. This results in emphasizing logic, theory, and philosophy while eliminating "plan" arguments. A wealth of evidence should not be used, but research supported by good background reading is necessary.

Affirmative Constructive	6 minutes
Negative Cross Examination	3 minutes (Negative asks questions, affirmative answers)
Negative Constructive & Rebuttal	7 minutes
Affirmative Cross Examination	3 minutes (Affirmative asks questions, negative answers)
Affirmative Rebuttal	4 minutes
Negative Rebuttal	6 minutes
Affirmative Rebuttal	3 minutes

[4 minutes of prep. Time for each debater to be taken at their discretion between speeches]

Technology Use