



Public Forum Overview:

Round Format

When both teams arrive, conduct a coin flip. The winners of the flip may choose to speak first or second, OR they may choose the pro or con side of the resolution. The other team gets to choose the option not selected by the coin-flip winners.

First constructive (Team A)	4 minutes
First constructive (Team B)	4 minutes
Crossfire	3 minutes (The speakers stand for individual crossfire.)
Second speech (Team A)	4 minutes
Second speech (Team B)	4 minutes
Crossfire*	3 minutes (The speakers stand for individual crossfire.)
Summary (Team A)	3 minutes
Summary (Team B)	3 minutes
Grand Crossfire (all debaters)	3 minutes (All four debaters should remain seated.)
Final Focus (Team A)	2 minutes
Final Focus (Team B)	2 minutes

[3 minutes of prep. time for each team, taken at their discretion]

*Grand Crossfire: "The speaker who gave the first summary speech must ask the first question. The speakers from each team will continue to ask and answer questions. Teams should alternate asking and answering questions rather than allowing one team to dominate so that a balance between teams is achieved. All speakers are encouraged to participate in the Grand Crossfire. Speakers should listen respectfully to opponents' questions and answers."

Plans/Counterplans: "In Public Forum Debate, the Association defines a plan or counterplan as a formalized, comprehensive proposal for implementation. Neither the pro or con side is permitted to offer a plan or counterplan; rather, they should offer reasoning to support a position of advocacy. Debaters may offer generalized, practical solutions."

Technology Use

The use of laptop computers is permitted.