



# World Schools Debate Overview:

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## Technology Use

No electronic devices are allowed including cell phones, laptops, tablets, etc. Use of such devices may result in forfeiture of the round and/or disqualification from the tournament.

## Round Format

World Schools teams will be comprised of 3-5 debaters. All members of the team can participate during the preparation portion of the impromptu round; however, during the round, only 3 members of the team can compete. The extra debaters can observe the round from the back of the room but are NOT allowed to participate in any way and may not take notes or flow the round. Members of the team who are not participating in the debate during a round are not to speak, interact, or communicate with the members of the team who are debating other than the customary knocking. Teams can use a MAXIMUM of two references. These sources should be of a reference nature: Black's Law Dictionary, Webster's Dictionary, almanac, textbook, etc.

During preliminary rounds, sides will be set by the tournament program. Elimination round sides will be determined by a coin toss with the winning team selecting which side they want to defend. Before the round begins, each team must declare to the judge the order of speakers, including the reply speech.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Proposition Substantive Speech</b>	8 minutes (Must present 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> main arguments)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Opposition Substantive Speech</b>	8 minutes (Must present 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> main arguments)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Proposition Substantive Speech</b>	8 minutes (Must present 3 <sup>rd</sup> main argument)
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Opposition Substantive Speech</b>	8 minutes (Must present 3 <sup>rd</sup> main argument)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Proposition Substantive Speech</b>	8 minutes
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Opposition Substantive Speech</b>	8 minutes
<b>Opposition Reply Speech</b>	4 minutes (Must be delivered by 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Speaker)
<b>Proposition Reply Speech</b>	4 minutes (Must be delivered by 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Speaker)

[There is no prep. time during the round.]

During each substantive speech, the opposing team is permitted to request Points of Information (POI's) of the speaker during the middle 6 minutes of the speech. (The first and last minute of each speech is protected time.) A POI is an opportunity for the opposing team to ask a question of the speaker or to make a statement in opposition. A POI can be asked by any member of the opposing team. The POI can be accepted or denied by the speaker with a simple "No, thank you" or hand motion. It is considered bad form to harass the opposing team with POIs occurring too frequently while convention also suggests that a speaker take 2-3 POIs during their speech at their discretion.

No POI can be requested during Reply Speeches.