



FSG500 PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE DEBATE FORMAT



Semester Jan10 - Apr10

Debate Format: Adopted from DiMaruo, San Diego State Univ

Debate follows a structured format. For our purposes, the following format will be observed:

	Action	Person	Time
1	Affirmative side states its position on the resolution	Captain	5 mins
2	Negative side states its position on the resolution.	Captain	5 mins
1st Team members			
3	Affirmative side presents first and/or 2 nd argument in support of its position.	1st speaker	5 mins
4	Negative side rebuts Affirmative side's first and/or 2 nd argument.	1st speaker	2 mins
5	Negative side presents its first and/or 2 nd argument in support of its position.	1st speaker	5 mins
6	Affirmative side rebuts Negative side's first and/or 2 nd argument.	1st speaker	2 mins
2nd Team members			
7	Affirmative side presents second and/or 3 rd argument in support of its position.	2nd speaker	5 mins
8	Negative side rebuts Affirmative side's second and/or 3 rd argument.	2nd speaker	2 mins
9	Negative side presents its second and/or 3 rd argument in support of its position.	2nd speaker	5 mins
10	Affirmative side rebuts Negative side's second and/or 3 rd argument.	2nd speaker	2 mins
3rd Team members			
11	Affirmative side presents third and/or 4 th argument in support of its position.	3rd speaker	5 mins
12	Negative side rebuts Affirmative side's third and/or 4 th argument.	3rd speaker	2 mins
13	Negative side presents its third and/or 4 th argument in support of its position.	3rd speaker	5 mins
14	Affirmative side rebuts Negative side's third and/or 4 th argument.	3rd speaker	2 mins
4th team member			
15	Affirmative side presents fourth and/or 5 th argument in support of its position.	4th speaker	5 mins
16	Negative side rebuts Affirmative side's fourth and/or 5 th argument.	4th speaker	2 mins
17	Negative side presents its fourth and/or 5 th argument in support of its position.	4th speaker	5 mins
18	Affirmative side rebuts Negative side's fourth and/or 5 th argument.	4th speaker	2 mins
19	Affirmative side makes its overall rebuttal closing statement on the resolution.	Captain	3mins
20	Negative side makes its overall rebuttal and closing statement on the resolution.	Captain	3 mins

Role of Coordinators Who are in the Audience	
1	Set up the chairs & tables.
2	Appoint a time keeper. For the affirmative, ring the bell once at minute 4, twice at minute 5 (end argument). Then 3x at end of rebuttal. For opposition, ring once at end of minute 2 (end of rebuttal), twice at minute 6 and 3x at minute 7. In the case where there are only 4 members in the opposition, then the Captain of the opposition will be given 5 mins instead of 3 mins to present an argument and to do an overall rebuttal and closing.
3	Return the chairs & tables to its original state.
4	Ensure that your group members' attendance are taken in the room they are registered and they stay throughout the debate.
5	You are allowed and encouraged to record the debate.