

Debate Format – Planning Sheet

Round Title	Opener/ 1 st Affirmative ("Pro")	Opener/ 1 st Negative ("Con")	2 nd Affirmative ("Pro")	2 nd Negative ("Con")	Cross Examination (Both Teams)	Affirmative ("Pro") Rebuttal	Negative ("Con") Rebuttal
Time Allowed	2 minutes	2 minutes	2 minutes	2 minutes	3 minutes	1 minute	1 minute
Speaking Points to Prepare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduce topic -Define important terms -Outline your claim -Outline the major reasons why your claim is true 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Introduce topic from your perspective -Define any new terms that haven't been defined by the affirmative team; you may argue with their definitions. -Outline your claim -Outline the major reasons why your claim is true 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Resolve definition issues -Rebut the first negative speaker -Explain 2-3 new supports for your team's arguments <p><i>Note: No new arguments may be made during the rebuttal, so get them all out here!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Continue to rebut the first affirmative arguments, but focus on rebuttal of the second affirmative's arguments -Deliver 2-3 new arguments in support of your claim <p><i>Note: No new arguments may be made during the rebuttal, so get them all out here!</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ask questions that expose weaknesses in the opposing team's argument -Defend own team's arguments with strong evidence (need to predict what they may ask) -Remain calm and confident, but not arrogant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Restate all of your "Pro" arguments -State why the "Con" attacks on your arguments are flawed - you may explain potential scenarios -Explain why "Pro" should win and "Con" should lose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Restate all of your "Con" arguments -State why the "Pro" attacks on your arguments are flawed - you may explain potential scenarios -Explain why "Con" should win and "Pro" should lose