

2023 Forensic Debate Event Descriptions



Policy Division

I. Rules & Guidelines

- A. Each team will consist of 2 debaters, with one team on the Affirmative side and one team on the Negative side. The speech times are listed below accordingly in the “Format” section.
- B. Since this is a US-style event, teams are allowed to bring prepared cases, either printed cases or electronic copies on devices are permitted.
- C. Searching for additional evidence on the internet while the debate round is in session is not allowed and will count as cheating.
- D. Speed-talking through a speech is not allowed and speaker points will be taken off for doing so. Please speak at an intelligible pace for the judges and the opponents to be able to understand the contents of the speech.
- E. There will be one judge per preliminary round and a panel of three judges for each elimination round, including the final round.
- F. Please be respectful to other debaters and your judge. If any participants feel that they have been disrespected or bullied, please bring up your concerns to the tournament organizers.
- G. Debaters will be awarded speaker awards and finalist awards on top of participation awards so please don't be discouraged if your team loses some debate rounds.

II. Format

A. Speeches

- 1. Each team has 2 constructive speeches and 2 rebuttal speeches. The speaking order for Policy debate is as follows:
- 2. Each team has 8 minutes of prep time during the round itself.

1st Affirmative Constructive Speech	8 min
Negative Cross-X of Affirmative	3 min
1st Negative Constructive Speech	8 min
Affirmative Cross-X of Negative	3 min
2nd Affirmative Constructive Speech	8 min
Negative Cross-X of Affirmative	3 min
2nd Negative Constructive Speech	8 min
Affirmative Cross-X of Negative	3 min
1st Negative Rebuttal Speech	5 min

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1st Affirmative Rebuttal Speech	5 min
2nd Negative Rebuttal Speech	5 min
2nd Affirmative Rebuttal Speech	5 min

B. Rounds Set-Up*

1. As of now, there will be 4 preliminary rounds and the results of these rounds will determine which teams break (in other words, advance to the elimination rounds and final rounds).
2. The elimination rounds include the Octo-Finals, Quarter-Finals, and Semi-Finals. The top 2 teams will then advance to the Grand Finals.

III. Motions (for both JV and Varsity)

- A. Resolved: The Taiwanese government ought to increase its military spending by a significant amount.**

LD Division

I. Rules & Guidelines

- A. Each team will consist of 1 debater, with one team on the Affirmative side and one team on the Negative side. The speech times are listed below accordingly in the “Format” section.
- B. Since this is a US-style event, debaters are allowed to bring prepared cases, either printed cases or electronic copies on devices are permitted.
- C. Searching for additional evidence on the internet while the debate round is in session is not allowed and will count as cheating.
- D. Speed-talking through a speech is not allowed and speaker points will be taken off for doing so. Please speak at an intelligible pace for the judges and the opponents to be able to understand the contents of the speech.
- E. There will be one judge per preliminary round and a panel of three judges for each elimination round, including the final round.
- F. Please be respectful to other debaters and your judge. If any participants feel that they have been disrespected or bullied, please bring up your concerns to the tournament organizers.
- G. Debaters will be awarded speaker awards and finalist awards on top of participation awards so please don't be discouraged if your team loses some debate rounds.

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II. Format

A. Speeches

1. Speech times for LD vary depending on which side the participant is on so please refer to the table below for the speech times and speaking order.
2. Each debater has 4 minutes of prep time during the round itself.

Affirmative Constructive Speech	6 min
Negative Cross-X of Affirmative	3 min
Negative Constructive Speech	7 min
Affirmative Cross-X of Negative	3 min
Affirmative Rebuttal	4 min
Negative Rebuttal	6 min
Affirmative Rebuttal	3 min

B. Rounds Set-Up*

1. There will be 4 preliminary rounds and the results from these rounds will determine which debaters break or advance into the elimination rounds and the final round.
2. The elimination rounds will include the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals. The top 2 debaters will then advance to the Grand-Finals.

III. Motions (for both JV and Varsity)

A. Resolved: The Taiwan government ought to implement Universal Basic Income.