

Format for a High School Policy Debate Round

1AC – First Affirmative Constructive (8 minutes)

3 minutes of cross-examination by the second negative speaker

1NC – First Negative Constructive (8 minutes)

3 minutes of cross-examination by the first affirmative speaker

2AC – Second Affirmative Constructive (8 minutes)

3 minutes of cross-examination by the first negative speaker

2NC – Second Negative Constructive (8 minutes)

3 minutes of cross-examination by the second affirmative speaker

1NR – First Negative Rebuttal (5 minutes)

1AR – First Affirmative Rebuttal (5 minutes)

2NR – Second Negative Rebuttal (5 minutes)

2AR – Second Affirmative Rebuttal (5 minutes)

Prep Time: Prep time varies according to region and tournament. It can be as much as ten minutes or as little as two minutes. Each team may use their allotted preparation time as they see fit at any point during the round.