

## PNW Debate: Speech Times

**Pre-round Preparation (20 minutes):** Debaters meet in their assigned room for introductions. The affirmative discloses key points of their case and advocacy. Debaters consult with coaches to prepare.

**First Affirmative Constructive (6 minutes):** Establishes the case in favor of the topic.

**Cross-examination (2 minutes):** The second negative asks questions of the first affirmative. Questions can either seek explanation or challenge the speaker's arguments.

**First Negative Constructive (6 minutes):** Establishes the negative's core arguments and initial lines of refutation against the affirmative case.

**Cross-examination (2 minutes):** The first affirmative asks questions of the first negative. Questions can either seek explanation or challenge the speaker's arguments.

**Second Affirmative Constructive (6 minutes):** Responds to initial negative arguments and reinforces the affirmative case.

**Cross-examination (2 minutes):** The first negative asks questions of the second affirmative. Questions can either seek explanation or challenge the speaker's arguments.

**Second Negative Constructive (6 minutes):** First half of "negative block," or two consecutive negative speeches, wherein the negative divides up arguments established in the first negative constructive to expand and elaborate on those arguments. For example, if the first negative established 3 major arguments against the affirmative, the second negative will speak about 2 of those arguments while their partner will cover the third in the first negative rebuttal.

**Cross-examination (2 minutes):** The second affirmative asks questions of the second negative. Questions can either seek explanation or challenge the speaker's arguments.

**First Negative Rebuttal (4 minutes):** Second half of the "negative block." Expands and elaborates on those arguments not covered by the second negative constructive. Arguments at this stage should not be "new," but clearly linked back to issues established in the first negative constructive.

**First Affirmative Rebuttal (4 minutes):** Reinforces the affirmative case through refutation of arguments raised in the negative block. "New" arguments should not appear unless in response to new issues raised during the negative block.

**Second Negative Rebuttal (4 minutes):** Crystallizes the debate into the most significant issues and provides the final appeal for a decision in their favor. "New" arguments should be disregarded.

**Second Affirmative Rebuttal (4 minutes):** Crystallizes the debate into the most significant issues and provides the final appeal for a decision in their favor. "New" arguments should be disregarded.

**Post-round Discussion (10-15 minutes):** The critic delivers their decision and rationale for which team did the best debating and provides individual speaking and argument feedback to each debater. Debaters are encouraged to ask follow-up questions and take notes.

## PNW Debate: Sample Tournament Schedule

**Below is a sample tournament schedule:** Each debate round is allocated 90 minutes which includes a 20 minute pre-round disclosure and preparation period, 5 minutes of running preparation time for each team, and 10-15 minutes after the round for the critic to deliver their decision and provide feedback to the debaters.

Saturday		Sunday	
Event	Time	Event	Time
Coffee & light breakfast	7:00	Coffee & light breakfast	8:30
Postings R1&2	7:30	Postings R6	9:00
Round 1	8:00-9:30	Round 6	9:20-10:45
Round 2	9:30-11:00	Lunch Break	11:00-12:00
Lunch Break	11:00-12:00	Awards, Finals Posting and Round	12:00-2:00
Postings R3	12:00		
Round 3	12:20-1:45		
Postings R4	2:00		
Round 4	2:20-3:45		
Forum & Snack hour	4:00-5:00		
Postings R5	5:00		
Round 5	5:20-6:45		