



## Coolidge Debate Format Guide (1v1)

There are eight parts to the Coolidge Cup debate format. Speakers take turns speaking. The affirmative speaks first, and the negative speaks last. There are two cross-examination periods. Each speaker may use up to 5 minutes of additional preparation time during the debate (this time can be used all at once, or a little at a time). Total running time is about 28 minutes (or as much as 38 minutes if both speakers use all of their optional prep time).

Order	Name of the Speech	Time	General Purpose
1	First Affirmative Constructive	5 minutes	State your case in favor of the resolution. Describe why the problem is important, and the advantages of acting
2	Cross-Examination	2 minutes	Clarify arguments. Negative speaker asks questions of the affirmative speaker. Should be in question form.
3	First Negative Constructive	5 minutes	State your case against the resolution. Describe why the problem is small, or the disadvantages of acting.
4	Cross-Examination	2 minutes	Clarify arguments. Affirmative speaker asks questions of the negative speaker. Should be in question form.
5	Second Affirmative Constructive	3 minutes	Refute the negative alternatives and disadvantages. Rebuild the affirmative case.
6	Second Negative Constructive	3 minutes	Respond to the affirmative arguments. Rebuild the negative case.
7	Final Affirmative Rebuttal	4 minutes	Characterize the limitations of the negative arguments. Justify an affirmative ballot to the judge.
8	Final Negative Rebuttal	4 minutes	Characterize the limitations of the affirmative arguments. Justify a negative ballot to the judge.