



Coolidge Debate Format Guide (2v2)

Speeches are in white. Cross-examinations are in gray. Total speech time is 36 minutes.

Each team is allowed a total of 5 minutes preparation time during the debate.

#	Name of the Speech	Speaker(s)	Mins	General Purpose
CONSTRUCTIVE SPEECHES				
1	First Affirmative Constructive (1AC)	1 st Aff	4	State your case in favor of the resolution. Describe why the problem is important, and the advantages of acting.
2	Cross Examination	2 nd Neg → 1 st Aff	2	Second negative speaker asks clarifying questions of the first affirmative speaker.
3	First Negative Constructive (1NC)	1 st Neg	4	State your case against the resolution. Describe why the problem is unimportant, or the disadvantages of acting.
4	Cross Examination	1 st Aff → 1 st Neg	2	First affirmative speaker asks clarifying questions of the first negative speaker.
5	Second Affirmative Constructive (2AC)	2 nd Aff	4	Respond to the case that 1NC made. Extend and rebuild your affirmative case with more evidence.
6	Cross Examination	1 st Neg → 2 nd Aff	2	First negative speaker asks clarifying questions of the second affirmative speaker.
7	Second Negative Constructive (2NC)	2 nd Neg	4	Respond to the case that 2AC made. Extend and rebuild your negative case with more evidence.
8	Cross Examination	2 nd Aff → 2 nd Neg	2	Second affirmative speaker asks clarifying questions of the second negative speaker.
REBUTTAL SPEECHES				
9	First Negative Rebuttal (1NR)	1 st Neg	3	Refute the affirmative's contentions. No brand-new arguments.
10	First Affirmative Rebuttal (1AR)	1 st Aff	3	Respond to the negative arguments from 2NC and 1NR. Rebuild the affirmative case. No brand-new arguments.
11	Second Negative Rebuttal (2NR)	2 nd Neg	3	Reduce the debate to a few reasons why the judge should vote negative. No brand-new arguments.
12	Second Affirmative Rebuttal (2AR)	2 nd Aff	3	Reduce the debate to a few reasons why the judge should vote affirmative. No brand-new arguments.