

## *Cross Examination Debates*

1. As in Academic Debate, the "Affirmative" debates for the resolution, while the "Negative" argues against the resolution.
2. The resolution may also be called the "question" or the "topic". However the resolution must be defined and interpreted in a fair and accurate way to reflect the "intended debate" (squirreling is not allowed).
3. All remarks are addressed to the Moderator, except during proper question (cross examinations) times.
4. The basic format follows a court of law, in which one debater gives his / her "testimony" and is then cross-examined by a member of the opposing team. So, each speaker makes a constructive speech, stands for cross-examination by a debater of the opposite side, makes a rebuttal speech and cross-examines another debater during the round.
5. Role playing is allowed.
6. No heckling is permitted; no points of order or personal privilege are used. All debaters must respect their partners and opponents. The opportunity to point out any violations comes during the rebuttal or at the end of the debate. Judges may also take rudeness into consideration when assigning scores.
7. Questions asked must be appropriate:
  - relevant
  - not overly personal or designed to embarrass
  - not speeches or arguing with the witness
  - yes / no answers cannot be demanded
  - reasonable answers cannot be interrupted
  - ask questions in a series
  - base questions on statements/ arguments made earlier, on arguments which the Examiner to present, or on any topic which the Examiner thinks may bring his/her side advantage
8. When answering questions:
  - Answer the question within a reasonable length
  - Do not evade the question
  - Tell the truth, but explanation / qualification is possible
  - Answer, do not ask a question unless the question is not clear
9. Debaters must not help partners once they rise to begin an examination or while they are answering questions.

## *Order of Debate:*

First Affirmative: constructive speech (5 minutes)

Cross-examined by: First Negative (3 minutes)

First Negative: constructive speech (5minutes)

Cross-examined by: second Affirmative (3 minutes)

Second Affirmative: constructive speech (5minutes)

Cross-Examined by: second Negative (3 minutes)

Second Negative: constructive speech (5minutes)

Cross-examined by: first Affirmative (3 minutes)

### Order of rebuttal:

1st Negative ( 3 minutes)

1st Affirmative ( 3 minutes)

2nd Negative ( 3 minutes)

2nd Affirmative ( 3 minutes)