# Debate Formats Reference

Quick reference for all supported debate formats in the app.

## Format Overview

| **Format** | **Full Name** | **Teams** | **Speakers per Team** | **Speech Time** | **Reply Time** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| WSDC | World Schools Debate | 2 (Prop/Opp) | 3 | 8 min | 4 min |
| Modified WSDC (5min) | Modified World Schools | 2 (Prop/Opp) | 3 | 5 min | 3 min |
| Modified WSDC (4min) | Modified World Schools | 2 (Prop/Opp) | 3 | 4 min | 2 min |
| BP | British Parliamentary | 4 (OG/OO/CG/CO) | 2 | 7 min | None |
| AP | Asian Parliamentary | 2 (Gov/Opp) | 2 | 6 min | None |
| Australs | Australasian Debate | 2 (Prop/Opp) | 3 | 8 min | 3 min |

## 1. WSDC (World Schools Debate Championship)

### Format

* **3v3** format
* **Teams**: Proposition vs Opposition
* **Speech Time**: 8 minutes (default)
* **Reply Time**: 4 minutes

### Speaker Order

1. Prop 1 (8 min)
2. Opp 1 (8 min)
3. Prop 2 (8 min)
4. Opp 2 (8 min)
5. Prop 3 (8 min)
6. Opp 3 (8 min)
7. Opp Reply (4 min)
8. Prop Reply (4 min)

### Bell Timing

* **1 bell** at 1:00 (protected time ends)
* **1 bell** at 7:00 (1 min warning)
* **2 bells** at 8:00 (time up)
* **3 bells** every 15s after 8:00 (overtime)

### Team Setup in App

Proposition Opposition

├─ Speaker 1 ├─ Speaker 1

├─ Speaker 2 ├─ Speaker 2

└─ Speaker 3 └─ Speaker 3

## 2. Modified WSDC (4 Minutes)

### Format

* **3v3** format
* **Teams**: Proposition vs Opposition
* **Speech Time**: 4 minutes
* **Reply Time**: 2 minutes

### Speaker Order

1. Prop 1 (4 min)
2. Opp 1 (4 min)
3. Prop 2 (4 min)
4. Opp 2 (4 min)
5. Prop 3 (4 min)
6. Opp 3 (4 min)
7. Opp Reply (2 min)
8. Prop Reply (2 min)

### Bell Timing

* **1 bell** at 1:00 (protected time ends)
* **1 bell** at 3:00 (1 min warning)
* **2 bells** at 4:00 (time up)
* **3 bells** every 15s after 4:00 (overtime)

### Team Setup in App

Same as WSDC (3v3 Prop/Opp)

## 3. BP (British Parliamentary)

### Format

* **4x2** format (8 speakers total)
* **Teams**: Opening Government (OG), Opening Opposition (OO), Closing Government (CG), Closing Opposition (CO)
* **Speech Time**: 7 minutes (default)
* **Reply Time**: None

### Speaker Order

1. OG 1 (Prime Minister) - 7 min
2. OO 1 (Leader of Opposition) - 7 min
3. OG 2 (Deputy Prime Minister) - 7 min
4. OO 2 (Deputy Leader of Opposition) - 7 min
5. CG 1 (Member for Government) - 7 min
6. CO 1 (Member for Opposition) - 7 min
7. CG 2 (Government Whip) - 7 min
8. CO 2 (Opposition Whip) - 7 min

### Bell Timing

* **1 bell** at 1:00 (protected time ends)
* **1 bell** at 6:00 (1 min warning)
* **2 bells** at 7:00 (time up)
* **3 bells** every 15s after 7:00 (overtime)

### Team Setup in App

Opening Gov (OG) Opening Opp (OO)

├─ Speaker 1 ├─ Speaker 1

└─ Speaker 2 └─ Speaker 2

Closing Gov (CG) Closing Opp (CO)

├─ Speaker 1 ├─ Speaker 1

└─ Speaker 2 └─ Speaker 2

## 3. AP (Asian Parliamentary)

### Format

* **2v2** format
* **Teams**: Government vs Opposition
* **Speech Time**: 6 minutes (default)
* **Reply Time**: None

### Speaker Order

1. Gov 1 (Prime Minister) - 6 min
2. Opp 1 (Leader of Opposition) - 6 min
3. Gov 2 (Deputy Prime Minister) - 6 min
4. Opp 2 (Deputy Leader of Opposition) - 6 min

### Bell Timing

* **1 bell** at 1:00 (protected time ends)
* **1 bell** at 5:00 (1 min warning)
* **2 bells** at 6:00 (time up)
* **3 bells** every 15s after 6:00 (overtime)

### Team Setup in App

Government Opposition

├─ Speaker 1 ├─ Speaker 1

└─ Speaker 2 └─ Speaker 2

## 4. Australs (Australasian Debate)

### Format

* **3v3** format
* **Teams**: Proposition vs Opposition (same as WSDC but longer speeches)
* **Speech Time**: 8 minutes (default)
* **Reply Time**: 3 minutes

### Speaker Order

1. Prop 1 (8 min)
2. Opp 1 (8 min)
3. Prop 2 (8 min)
4. Opp 2 (8 min)
5. Prop 3 (8 min)
6. Opp 3 (8 min)
7. Opp Reply (3 min)
8. Prop Reply (3 min)

### Bell Timing

* **1 bell** at 1:00 (protected time ends)
* **1 bell** at 7:00 (1 min warning)
* **2 bells** at 8:00 (time up)
* **3 bells** every 15s after 8:00 (overtime)

### Team Setup in App

Proposition Opposition

├─ Speaker 1 ├─ Speaker 1

├─ Speaker 2 ├─ Speaker 2

└─ Speaker 3 └─ Speaker 3

## Universal Bell Rules

All formats follow the same bell pattern:

| **Time** | **Bells** | **Meaning** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| 1:00 | 🔔 | Protected time ends (POIs now allowed in formats that use them) |
| [Time - 1:00] | 🔔 | One minute remaining warning |
| [Full Time] | 🔔🔔 | Time is up |
| [+15s, +30s...] | 🔔🔔🔔 | Overtime warnings (every 15 seconds) |

## Customization in App

Users can adjust:

* ✅ Speech time (1-15 minutes)
* ✅ Reply time (1-5 minutes) for formats that have replies
* ❌ Bell timing (fixed at 1:00, time-1:00, time, +15s)

## How App Handles Each Format

### Team Assignment Screen

**WSDC/Australs**: Shows 2 drop zones (Prop, Opp) **BP**: Shows 4 drop zones in 2x2 grid (OG, OO, CG, CO) **AP**: Shows 2 drop zones labeled (Government, Opposition)

### Timer Screen

Shows current speaker as:

* **WSDC/Australs**: "Prop 1", "Opp 2", etc.
* **BP**: "OG 1", "CG 2", etc.
* **AP**: "Gov 1", "Opp 2"

### Recording Files

Files are named with position:

* debate123\_alice\_smith\_prop1\_timestamp.m4a
* debate123\_bob\_jones\_og1\_timestamp.m4a
* debate123\_carol\_white\_gov2\_timestamp.m4a

## Student Levels

The app supports two student levels that affect feedback templates:

* **Primary**: Ages 11-13, simplified feedback
* **Secondary**: Ages 14-18, advanced feedback

This is set during debate setup and applies to all speakers in that debate.

## Quick Reference Card

Print this for judges/teachers:

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║ DEBATE BELL TIMING ║

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║ 🔔 At 1:00 Protected time ends ║

║ 🔔 At time-1 One minute warning ║

║ 🔔🔔 At time Time is up ║

║ 🔔🔔🔔 Every 15s Overtime warning ║

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WSDC/Australs: 3v3 (Prop vs Opp)

BP: 4x2 (OG, OO, CG, CO)

AP: 2v2 (Gov vs Opp)

**For questions about debate formats, refer to official tournament rules.**