



WSD Format

Overview

The WSD (World Schools Debate) format is the most common format used in debate competitions. It pits two teams of 3 against each other: the "government" who must defend and argue for a statement and the "opposition" who must challenge the statement and argue against it. The participants will be judged on the relevance of their arguments, the way they present them and their body language.

Procedure

Speaker	Time	Roles
1 st Government	3 min	Introduce the topic Define the key words Announce the plan that your team will follow Make at least one argument
1 st Opposition	3 min	<i>Give your own definition of key words</i> <i>Announce your team's plan</i> <i>Counter the previous speaker's argument(s)</i> <i>Make at least one argument</i>
2 nd Government	5 min	Counter the previous speaker's argument(s) Put forward between 1 and 3 arguments
2 nd Opposition	5 min	<i>Counter the previous speaker's argument(s)</i> <i>Put forward between 1 and 3 arguments</i>
3 rd Government	5min	Counter the arguments of the previous speaker Summarise the arguments of your team
3 rd Opposition	5min	<i>Counter the arguments of the previous speaker</i> <i>Summarise the arguments of your team</i>
Reply Speech Opposition Reply Speech Government	2 min	Presented by the first or second speaker who must close the debate with the impression of having won.

Points of Information (POI)

POIs are interventions that a member of the opposing team to the current speaker can make during his or her speech, provided that the current speaker agrees to take it. The information point can be a question, a remark or a comment. It should not exceed 30 seconds. Each team is allowed three POIs. It is not allowed to ask for a point of information during the first and last minute of a speech.