**Debate Structure**

*Roles*

**Constructive:** The person who performs the constructive should be your strongest speaker. They set the tone of the debate as they both begin & end the debate. It should encompass all your arguments and include values, evidence, and facts. It should persuade the judge that your position is correct. The person performing the constructive also delivers the closing statement.

**Rebuttal:** The person who performs the rebuttal attacks the opposing team's constructive. You look for weaknesses in their argument and provide evidence that contradicts or disproves their argument. This person should be able to think quickly and act aggressively as (s)he will be responding directly to the opposing team's constructive.

**Cross Examination:** This person will question the opposing team's constructive. (S)he is like an attorney questioning a witness in a trial. (S)he makes no real statements but rather tries to get the opposing team caught in a net of lies or "misinformation."

*Order of Debate*

1. Affirmative's constructive 3 minutes

2. Cross-examination of Affirmative 4 minutes

3. Negative's constructive 3 minutes

4. Cross-examination of Negative 4 minutes

-- break-- 1 minute

5. Affirmative's rebuttal 3 minutes

6. Negative rebuttal 3 minutes

-- break-- 1 minute

7. Affirmative's closing statement (performed by constructive) 2 minutes

8. Negative's closing statement (performed by constructive) 2 minutes