

**Public Forum Debate is a:**

- Team Event
- Advocates or rejects a position posed by the resolution

**Good Debaters:**

- Clash of ideas in persuasive manner
- Display logic & analysis
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- Communicate effectively – organization, professionalism

Structure of Round: 1 Pro Constructive support for resolution) 4 minutes (present

1 Con Constructive 4 minutes

- present support against resolution
- counter opponents arguments

Crossfire (Pro asks first question) 3 minutes 2 Pro:  
4 minutes

- restate main points supporting the resolution
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2 Con: 4 minutes

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2 minutes

- summaries key arguments it is winning
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Grand Crossfire: 3 minutes (One member of the Pro team asks first question)

Second Pro Final Focus: 1 minute

- Why have won the debate
- "Judge this is why you should vote for our team"

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**Prep Time:** Each Team has 2 minutes prep time during debate **CROSSFIRE TIPS**

- Need to stand during crossfire
- Need to sit during Grand crossfire
- Be professional
- Do NOT be RUDE
  
- Don't interrupt or talk over another debater
- Don't ever interrupt your partner
  
- Questions should be "brief"
- Answers should be "on point"

**PREP TIME USE:**

- Only get 2 minutes per team for whole round
- Use crossfire time as prep time
- Use most of prep time before summary and final focus

**PRO CHEAT SHEET**

_____ 1 Pro Constructive	4 minutes (Read case)
1 Con Constructive	4 minutes
_____ Crossfire(Pro asks first question)	3 minutes

(need to stand- facing judge)

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Pro constructive (use summary sheet) 4 minutes

- restate & explain main points supporting the resolution
- refute opponents arguments

_____ 2 Con Constructive		4 minutes	_____
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_____ First Con Summary:		2 minutes	_____
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_____ 1 Con Constructive	4 minutes		

(read case)

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\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Con: (Use summary sheet)

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(can sit)

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## CON CHEAT SHEET

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(need to stand facing the judge)

2 Pro: 4 minutes

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 Con: (Use summary sheet)

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