

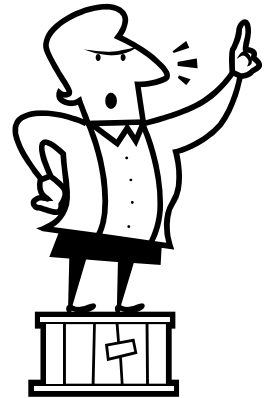
Massaponax Debate Team - Public Forum 101

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
- use evidence when needed
- counter the arguments of the opponents (rebuttal)
- Communicate effectively – organization, professionalism



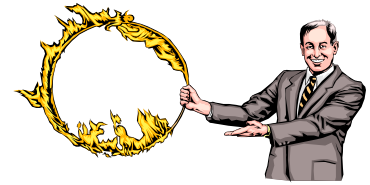
Structure of Round:

1 Pro Constructive (present support for resolution)	4 minutes
1 Con Constructive <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ present support against resolution➤ counter opponents arguments	4 minutes
Crossfire (Pro asks first question)	3 minutes
2 Pro: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ restate main points supporting the resolution➤ counter opponents arguments	4 minutes
2 Con: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ restate main points against resolution➤ counter opponents arguments	4 minutes
Crossfire(Pro ask first question)	3 minutes
First Pro Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ summaries key arguments it is winning➤ refute important arguments it is losing	2 minutes
First Con Summary: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ summaries key arguments it is winning➤ refute important arguments it is losing	2 minutes
Grand Crossfire: (One member of the Pro team asks first question)	3 minutes
Second Pro Final Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why have won the debate "Judge this is why you should vote for our team"	1 minute
Second Con Final Focus: : <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why have won the debate "Judge this is why you should vote for our team"	1 minute

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 (Read case)	4 minutes
	1 Con Constructive	4 minutes
_____	Crossfire(Pro asks first question) (need to stand- facing judge)	3 minutes
_____	2 Pro constructive (use summary sheet) <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ restate & explain main points supporting the resolution➤ refute opponents arguments	4 minutes
	2 Con Constructive	4 minutes
_____	Crossfire(Pro ask first question) (need to stand facing judge)	3 minutes
_____	First Pro Summary: (use summary sheet) <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ summaries key arguments it is winning➤ refute important arguments it is losing	2 minutes
	First Con Summary:	2 minutes
_____	Grand Crossfire: (can sit) (One member of the Pro team asks first question)	3 minutes
_____	Second Pro Final Focus: <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Why have won the debate "Judge this is why you should vote for our team"	1 minute
	Second Con Final Focus:	1 minute
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CON CHEAT SHEET

1 Pro Constructive	4 minutes
_____ 1 Con Constructive (read case)	4 minutes
_____ Crossfire(Pro asks first question) (need to stand facing the judge)	3 minutes
2 Pro:	4 minutes
_____ 2 Con: (Use summary sheet) ➤ restate & explain main points supporting the resolution ➤ refute opponents arguments	4 minutes
_____ Crossfire(Pro ask first question) (need to stand facing the judge)	3 minutes
1 Pro Summary:	2 minutes
_____ 1 Con Summary(use summary sheet) ➤ summaries key arguments it is winning ➤ refute important arguments it is losing	2 minutes
_____ Grand Crossfire: (One member of the Pro team asks first question) (can sit)	3 minutes
Second Pro Final Focus:	1 minute
_____ Second Con Final Focus: : ➤ Why have won the debate "Judge this is why you should vote for our team"	1 minute

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