

JUDGING GUIDE

LD Debate

Aff Constructive: 6 min

CX: 3 min

Neg Constructive: 7 min

CX: 3 min

Aff Rebuttal: 4 min

Neg Rebuttal: 6 min

Aff Rebuttal: 3 min

The case is made up of a value, value criterion and contentions with subpoints.

During the constructive speeches the debaters will provide a value relating to the resolution showing what they value most along with a criterion that shows how they plan to achieve said value. All values must be supported by the contentions.

Each contention should be an argument for their side and be related to their value and the resolution.

Throughout the round you should listen for the best arguments and if they are carried across, and make sure that every argument is addressed/attacked and not conceded. Both sides must address each point throughout every speech, they cannot be brought up at the very end. No contentions can be dropped or they go to the other side

At the end of their last speech, they should give you voters, this will blatantly tell you who should win and why.

When deciding who won, ask yourself, "If I was faced with the question asked by the resolution, what would I choose based off of the information I was just given.

Speaking Points

You will judge each competitor on a scale of 25-30 based off of the presentation skills they had, how well they spoke and conducted themselves, attitude towards the other debater, pace, they spoke at, and anything else they did not part of their case.

Choosing a Winner

Who provided the best evidence, who held up their value the best, who had the best value, who did not concede any arguments and extended theirs the best throughout the round, who provided the best reasoning as to why they should win?