

## **SPEAKER ORDER AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**These rules are altered rules from the Public Debate Program Rules page:**

**<https://highschooldebate.org/rules/>**

### **First proposition constructive – 5 minutes**

This speaker makes a case for the motion for debate, providing a proof of the topic with three or four major points.

### **First opposition constructive – 5 minutes**

This speaker makes several arguments against the proposition team's case and refutes the proposition's major points.

### **Second proposition constructive – 5 minutes**

This speaker should rebuild and extend upon the proposition's case. This means that this speaker must defend and amplify the original proposition points and refute the opposition's major arguments.

### **Second opposition constructive – 5 minutes**

This speaker amplifies the opposition arguments against the case, providing new information about why the opposition team should win the debate. This speaker should answer the proposition's answers to the opposition team's original arguments. This speaker may split summarization of the debate with the opposition rebuttalist.

### **Opposition rebuttal – 4 minutes**

This speaker must put the debate together and explain why, given one or more arguments in the debate, the opposition team should win the debate. This speaker accounts for or refutes the proposition's major points.

### **Proposition rebuttal – 4 minutes**

This speaker should summarize the issues in the debate and explain why, even with the opposition's arguments, the proposition teams should win the debate. This speaker accounts for all remaining major points of the opposition team.

## **NO NEW ARGUMENTS IN THE REBUTTALS**

**No Straw Man arguments (The Straw Man fallacy is committed when a person simply ignores a person's actual position and substitutes a distorted, exaggerated or misrepresented version of that position.)**

**No Ad Hominem attacks. "Argument" directed against a person rather than the position they are maintaining.**