

STRUCTURE OF DEBATE PRESENTATION

Topic Definition	Clear statement to convey precisely what the team contends the topic to mean
Team Case	Position taken in relation to topic, reasons for adopting that position and theme of general argument that will be used to support it
Team Plan	The particular arguments that each speaker will use.

DUTIES OF SPEAKERS

1st AFFIRMATIVE	1st NEGATIVE
Define topic	Topic - agree or re define
Case explanation	Case explanation
Plan outline	Plan outline
Present arguments	Remit
	Present arguments
2nd AFFIRMATIVE	2nd NEGATIVE
Rebut	Rebut
Present arguments	Present arguments
3rd AFFIRMATIVE	3rd NEGATIVE
Rebut	Rebut
Present arguments	Summarise case
Summarise case	

SPEAKER QUALITIES FOR ASSESSMENT

MATTER	MANNER	METHOD
Impact of opening	Gesture	Structure of presentation
Purpose	Persuasiveness	Team — easy to follow
Relevance	Fluency	Individual - easy to follow
Quality argument	Correct use of notes	Adherence to plan
Examples/Evidence	Emotional appeal	Team consistency
Quality Rebuttal (not 1 st speaker)	Vocal dynamics	Re-assertion of case
Effective closure	Grammar & elocution	Time allocation
	Body language	Summary
	Empathy - audience	Speaking time
	Vocabulary	Failure to rebut is a fault

Ref: Debating from Victorian Rostrum