

13.1. Oregon Style Cross-Examination Debate

13.1.1. Team size

- (a) Teams may compete as two, three or four-person teams. On a two-person team, both speakers must be prepared to debate both sides of the resolution; on a three-person team, one speaker shall debate both affirmative and negative, one shall debate only affirmative, and one shall debate only negative; and on a four-person team, two speakers may debate on affirmative and two on negative, or they may interchange at their discretion so long as only two speakers participate in any one debate. The third and / or fourth members of the team shall sit apart from the participants and shall not communicate in any way with the speakers during the round.
- (b) Under the two, three or four-person arrangement, each ROUND shall involve only one debate, either affirmative or negative, for each team.

13.1.2. Length and order of speeches

Eight Minutes	First Affirmative Constructive
Three Minutes	Cross-Examination* by a Negative Speaker
Eight Minutes	First Negative Constructive
Three Minutes	Cross-Examination* by an Affirmative Speaker
Eight Minutes	Second Affirmative Constructive
Three Minutes	Cross-Examination* by the other Negative Speaker
Eight Minutes	Second Negative Constructive
Three Minutes	Cross-Examination* by the other Affirmative Speaker
Five Minutes	First Negative Rebuttal
Five Minutes	First Affirmative Rebuttal
Five Minutes	Second Negative Rebuttal
Five Minutes	Second Affirmative Rebuttal

*NOTE: "Tag team" cross-examination is not allowed. Cross-examination time may not be yielded to another team member. Each member of each team is responsible for asking all of the questions of one opponent and answering all of the questions of one opponent.

13.1.3. Rebuttals

- (a) Speakers may change speaking order in rebuttals at the option of the coach and the team. Opening constructive speakers may speak last in rebuttal.
- (b) No new arguments shall be allowed in rebuttal speeches.

13.1.4. Preparation time. Each team shall have a maximum of *eight* minutes preparation time to be used at the discretion of the team.

13.1.5. Topic. See OSAA website, <http://www.osaa.org/activities/spe>.

13.1.6. Electronic Devices/Computers. Electronic devices may be used following the *guidelines outlined in 12.12*.

13.1.7. Other Rules. See General Debate Rules.