

Short Debate Format

An abbreviated version of a Lincoln-Douglas debate runs about 15 minutes, including time for transitions and claims to be made during each stage of the process:

First Pro Speaker:

Two minutes to introduce the topic and defend the resolution

First Con Speaker:

Two minutes to restate the opponent's viewpoint and to challenge the affirmative position

Second Pro Speaker:

Two minutes to disagree with the arguments of the negative position

Second Con Speaker:

Two minutes to offer a new challenge to the pro position.

Break for Rebuttal Speech Preparation: Two minutes to transition

Con Summary/Rebuttal Speaker:

Two minutes to conclude by challenging points made by the affirmative team and by re-arguing the con argument.

Pro Summary/Rebuttal Speaker:

Two minutes to conclude by challenging points made by the con team and by re-arguing the pro argument.