



## **Format for Oral Arguments**

### *International Public Policy Forum*

#### **Opening Presentations by Each Team**

Affirmative	5 minutes (Quarterfinals), 8 minutes (Semifinals and Finals)
Negative	5 minutes (Quarterfinals), 8 minutes (Semifinals and Finals)

#### **Second Speeches by Each Team**

\*\*90 second break for teams to confer before affirmative second speech.

Affirmative	5 minutes (all debates)
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\*\*90 second break for teams to confer before negative second speech.

Negative	5 minutes (all debates)
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#### **Cross Examination**

Moderator will allow no more than 10 minutes for questions and balance time between the teams.

Each team member must ask and answer one question. Both questions and answers may not be any longer than 1 minute.

#### **Question Period for Judges**

Questions may be any length. Answers may not be any longer than 1 minute.

The moderator will direct five questions to each side. Once each side has asked and answered five questions, the moderator will allow questioning to continue while balancing questions between each side. The questioning period for judges should not exceed 20 minutes for the quarterfinals and 30 minutes for the semifinals and finals.

#### **Rebuttal Statements**

Negative	5 minutes
Affirmative	5 minutes

#### **Total Length of Debates**

Quarterfinals	— approximately 60 minutes
Semifinals	— approximately 80 minutes
Finals	— approximately 80 minutes