

CDA Parliamentary Format

CDA has used a modified version of the national policy debate format, with 6 minute constructive speeches rather than 8 minutes. However, policy debaters argue a single national topic for the entire year, and rely heavily on research, speed and technical arguments. CDA, like parliamentary debate, changes topics for every tournament. CDA style, in argument and presentation, matches parli.

Reasons to adopt parliamentary format:

- Connection to a national and international debate community, from the middle school to the university level.
- Abundant training materials available online and in print.
- Ability to accommodate 4 preliminary rounds and a final round.
- Consistent with our middle school league, which uses a parliamentary debate format.

In moving to parliamentary, we will continue to have a single resolution for all rounds, a resolution packet, and one hour for case preparation at the start of the day.

Primary Differences

- Six speeches rather than 8, as each side has only one rebuttal speech.
- No separate cross-examination period. Debaters interrupt the speaker with requests to ask a Point of Information, which the speaker may accept, defer or decline.
- No preparation time between speeches.

Tournament Day Schedule

Time	Activity	Comment
8-9AM	Arrival and registration	Register, buy lunch tickets, gather in the cafeteria
9-10AM	Case Preparation	Packet distributed; teams prepare for debate
10-11:15AM	Round 1	Classrooms or online
11:15AM-12:30PM	Round 2	Classrooms or online
12:30-1:15PM	Lunch	Cafeteria
1:15-2:30PM	Round 3	Classrooms or online
2:30-3:45PM	Round 4	Classrooms or online
4-5PM	Final Round	Auditorium
5-5:30PM	Awards	Trophies, ballots and departure

Round Format

Prime Minister Constructive (PMC)	7 minutes	Provides an interpretation of the resolution and lays out the Government's case
Leader of Opposition Constructive (LOC)	8 minutes	Lays out the Opposition case and replies to the Government case.
Member of Government Constructive (MGC)	8 minutes	Responds to previous arguments, and may introduce new points while doing so
Member of Opposition Constructive (MOC)	8 minutes	
Leader of Opposition Rebuttal (LOR)	4 minutes	Summarizes the debate from the Opposition perspective, while responding to arguments.
Prime Minister Rebuttal (PMR)	5 minutes	Summarizes the debate from the Government perspective, while responding to arguments.