

ABA Ultimate Showdown Debate Format - <i>modified for NJABA</i>		
Introduction of Podcast		
Motion and Introduction of IN SUPPORT OF (<i>Pro, Affirmative</i>) and QUESTIONING (<i>Con, Negative</i>) Debaters Definition of any relevant terms (If relevant - citation of articles for narrowed focus debates)		
Coin Flip to determine who speaks first		
1st Debater	≈ 9 minutes	Opening Remarks ● Construct claim showing the advantages/disadvantages of the resolution citing evidence ● Include a hook, background, clearly stated claim ● Risk of change vs. risk of not changing
2nd Debater	≈ 9 minutes	
1st Debater	≈ 3 minutes	Rebuttal (<i>optional, if time allows</i>) ● Keep position consistent throughout debate ● Analyze and explain flaws in opponent's position ● Uncover lack of evidence, provide counter definitions if necessary, and denote any faulty evidence presented ● Address major disagreements ● “___ said... however...”
2nd Debater	≈ 3 minutes	
Crossfire	≈ 16 minutes	Audience/ Moderator ask(s) questions of debaters ● Moderator directs question to appropriate debater if not specified ● Debaters should make questions and answers brief, must answer the question to the best of their ability, and ask for clarifications if applicable ● Moderator will intervene if a debater attempts to dominate or demean the opponent
1st Debater	≈ 2 minutes	Summary and Final Focus ● Persuasive statements about why your views are more sound... ● No new claims (new evidence can be presented for claims previously introduced)
2nd Debater	≈ 2 minutes	
Moderator closing remarks		
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~ Modified from Public Forum, Lincoln-Douglas, and Oxford-style Debate formats ~

Specific citations will be listed in the episode's show notes on the [webpage](#).

Influences: Behavior Observations Podcast, ABA Inside Track Podcast, Intelligence Squared Debates Podcast, Pop Psych 101 Podcast, National Speech and Debate Association, various ABA conferences

Interested in finding out more about how we developed our debate format? Check out our [introductory episode](#)