

Structure of the Oxford Debate

THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman, who should always be addressed as Mr/Madam Chairman, will open with a few words on the debate and floor debate procedures. The Chairman will then call on the first speaker to begin the debate.

PROPOSITION

Members of this group are PROPOSERS-
Speaks for the motion;
a sort of lawyer arguing for the motion.

OPPOSITION

Members of this group are OPPOSERS-
Speaks against the motion;
a sort of lawyer arguing against the motion.

FIRST SPEAKER

The first speaker should present the topic (the motion) and all its concepts. Next he/she gives the proposition arguments. Each speaker has 3 minutes to speak.

The Chairman will thank the speaker and call upon the next speaker.

During every speech the opposition side can ask questions

FIRST SPEAKER

The first speaker should present the topic (the motion) and all its concepts. Next he/she gives the opposition arguments.

Second speaker

Second speaker

Third speaker

Third speaker

Last speaker

The Chairman will thank the speaker and call for last speaker to briefly sum up his/her main idea.

Last speaker

Evaluation of the jury

The juries gather and discuss their respective reasoning and try to come to a unanimous verdict (using evaluation sheet).

The judge calls the groups back to order and asks each group to report its results.
The judge comments on the performance.

Announcement of the results

Chairperson then says whether the motion is carried (proposer win) or defeated (opposer win) by saying “I declare this motion – reads motion – carried or defeated.”

End of the Debate