



St. XAVIER'S HIGH SCHOOL

Annual Debate Championship 2026

Debate Format

Total Duration of Each Debate: **20 Minutes**

Stage	Time	Proposition Team	Opposition Team
Opening Speeches	6 min	Speaker 1 (3 minutes) Introduces the motion and presents the team's key arguments.	Speaker 1 (3 minutes) Responds to the Proposition and presents the team's key arguments.
Rebuttal Round	6 min	Speaker 2 (3 minutes) • 1 min rebuttal • 2 min fresh argument & comparison	Speaker 2 (3 minutes) • 1 min rebuttal • 2 min fresh argument & comparison
Points of Information (POI)	1 min (15 sec Question + 45 sec responses)	Pose one POI to the Opposition	Answer the POI in 45 seconds.
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Closing Statements	6 min	Speaker 1 or 2 (3 minutes) Rebuts and rebuilds the case, highlights key clashes, and summarises the team's position.	Speaker 1 or 2 (3 minutes) Rebuts and rebuilds the case, highlights key clashes, and summarises the team's position.

PROPOSITION → OPPOSITION → PROPOSITION → OPPOSITION → POIs → PROPOSITION → OPPOSITION

The debate concludes with the Closing Statements of both teams. The Chair/Adjudicators will then evaluate the debate based on the quality of arguments, rebuttals, comparative analysis, responses to POIs, and overall team performance.