

EXTENDED MACE FORMAT

This is an easy format to start with as debates are quick and the audience can get involved in the floor debate

There are six speakers in this format: one team of three people on each side

Each speaker gives a speech of up to 7 minutes (for first-time debaters, shorter 'maximums' can be given). The first and last minute are protected, but between these times points of information may be offered

The first four speakers give their speeches, alternating between proposition and opposition. Next, the debate is opened to the floor. Audience members address questions to the speakers. However, speakers do not respond directly to the questions: rather, the summary speakers respond during their speeches

After the floor debate, the summary speakers give 4 minute speeches (with the opposition going first), summarising their cases, rebutting the other side and responding to questions from the audience

