DT101 Module 4

Handout: Speaker and Team Roles

Debating Formats

Format broadly refers to a rulebook being followed, which typically has an authoritative global body and a global competition organised by this body. It defines rules of procedure, how to determine wins, and what scoring standard is being used. Many of the parliamentary formats tend to be similarish, and for the purposes of DT101, we will only be covering the following:

1. World Schools
2. Asian Parliamentary
3. British Parliamentary

World Schools (WSDC)

Teams: 1v1
Members per team: 3 speaking
Up to 2 non-speaking "resources"
Time per speech: 8 minutes substantive
4 minutes reply

Team Roles:

Proposition Team	Opposition Team
Must persuade the judges that the motion must be accepted, by proving that their world under the motion is better	Must persuade the judges that the motion must be rejected, by: 1. Disproving proposition's case in favor of it completely, *and*/*or* 2. Prove, with their own case, that the world under the motion is worse

Speaker Roles:

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Prop 1	**8 minutes**	**0:00 – 1:30**	**Setup**
			Define the motion, set the scope of debate, state the team stance, define the stakeholders, and outline what the structure of your speech will be. Also outline how your bench will proceed with the case altogether.
		1:30 – 4:30	**Argument 1**
			Present the first major argument. This should be stated, well structured, and well analysed. Connect your whole argument back to the motion.
		4:30 – 8:00	**Argument 2**
			Present the second major argument, linking it clearly back to the motion and the team stance.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Opp 1	8 minutes	0:00 – 1:00	**Setup and Attack**
			Define the motion according to what your bench's stance is, meaning either accept the definition or challenge it. State the Opp team stance, and outline your case or other essential issues.
		1:00 – 3:00	**Rebuttal**
			Directly respond to the Prop 1's key points and arguments.
		3:00 – 5:30	**Argument 1**
			Present the Opposition's first major constructive argument. Structure it, analyse it, connect it back to the motion.
		5:30 – 8:00	**Argument 2**
			Present the Opposition's second major constructive argument.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Prop 2	8 minutes	0:00 – 5:00	**Clashes**
			Focus on the Opposition's two main arguments and their core strategy. Systematically tear them down. Restore and defend Proposition's arguments against the attacks made by Opp 1.
		5:00 – 8:00	**Argument 3**
			Introduce the Proposition’s third argument/extension, which either deepens the clash or provides a new area of analysis.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Opp 2	8 minutes	0:00 – 5:00	**Clashes**
			Focus on the Proposition's main arguments and their core strategy. Systematically tear them down. Restore and defend Opposition's arguments against the attacks made by Proposition.
		5:00 – 8:00	**Argument 3**
			Introduce the Opposition's third argument/extension, which either deepens the clash or provides a new area of analysis.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Prop/Opp 3	8 minutes	0:00 – 3:00	**Clash 1**
			Focus on the most important issue that decides the debate, explain how and why your team wins this clash. Cover any supporting content that improves your position in the clash.
		3:00 – 8:00	**Clash 2 and 3**
			Explain the remaining two decisive issues for the debate. Explain why your team wins them.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Prop/Opp Reply	4 minutes	0:00 – 1:00	**Identify and Clarify**
			Clearly and plainly lay out the important parts of the debate
		1:00 – 4:00	**Justify**
			Weigh out these issues, explaining to the judge why a decision in your favor is more justified than in your opponent's

Asian Parliamentary (AP)

Teams: 1v1
Members per team: 3 speaking, no resources
Time per speech: 7 minutes substantive
4 minutes reply

Team Roles:

Government Team	Opposition Team
Must persuade the judges that the motion must be accepted, by proving that their world under the motion is better	Must persuade the judges that the motion must be rejected, with their own case, that the world under the motion is worse

Speaker Roles:

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Prime Minister	7 minutes	0:00 – 1:30	**Setup**
			Define the motion, set the scope of debate, state the team stance, define the stakeholders, and outline what the structure of your speech will be. Also outline how your bench will proceed with the case altogether.
		1:30 – 4:00	**Argument 1**
			Present the first major argument. This should be stated, well structured, and well analysed. Connect your whole argument back to the motion.
		4:00 – 7:00	**Argument 2**
			Present the second major argument, linking it clearly back to the motion and the team stance.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Leader of Opposition	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 1:00**	**Setup and Attack**
			Define the motion according to what your bench's stance is, meaning either accept the definition or challenge it. State the Opp team stance, and outline your case or other essential issues.
		1:00 – 3:00	**Rebuttal**
			Directly respond to the PM's key points and arguments.
		3:00 – 5:00	**Argument 1**
			Present the Opposition's first major constructive argument. Structure it, analyse it, connect it back to the motion.
		5:00 – 7:00	**Argument 2**
			Present the Opposition's second major constructive argument.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Deputy Prime Minister/ Deputy Leader of Opposition	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 4:00**	**Clashes**
			Focus on the opponent's two main arguments and their core strategy. Systematically tear them down. Restore and defend your side's arguments against the attacks made by your opponents.
		4:00 – 7:00	**Argument 3**
			Introduce your side’s third argument/extension, which either deepens the clash or provides a new area of analysis.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Government Whip/ Opposition Whip	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 2:30**	**Clash 1**
			Focus on the most important issue that decides the debate, explain how and why your team wins this clash. Cover any supporting content that improves your position in the clash.
		2:30 – 7:00	**Clash 2 and 3**
			Explain the remaining two decisive issues for the debate. Explain why your team wins them.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Government Reply/ Opposition Reply	**4 minutes**	**0:00 – 1:00**	**Identify and Clarify**
			Clearly and plainly lay out the important parts of the debate
		1:00 – 4:00	**Justify**
			Weigh out these issues, explaining to the judge why a decision in your favor is more justified than in your opponent’s

British Parliamentary (BP)

Teams: 1v1v1v1
Members per team: 2
Time per speech: 7 minutes

Team Roles:

Opening Government (OG)	Opening Opposition (OO)	Closing Government (CG)	Closing Opposition (CO)
Provide a *case* to prove the motion.	Provide a *case* to disprove the motion.	Provide an extension that proves the motion better than Opening Government.	Provide an extension that disproves the motion better than Opening Opposition.

Speaker Roles:

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Prime Minister (OG)	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 1:30**	**Setup**
			Define the motion, set the scope of debate, state the team stance, define the stakeholders, and outline what the structure of your speech will be. Also outline how your bench will proceed with the case altogether.
		1:30 – 4:15	**Argument 1**
			Present the first major argument. This should be stated, well structured, and well analysed. Connect your whole argument back to the motion.
		4:15 – 7:00	**Argument 2**
			Present the second major argument, linking it clearly back to the motion and the team stance.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Leader of Opposition (OO)	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 1:00**	**Setup and Attack**
			Define the motion according to what your bench's stance is, meaning either accept the definition or challenge it. State the Opp team stance, and outline your case or other essential issues.
		1:00 – 2:30	**Rebuttal**
			Directly respond to the PM's key points and arguments.
		2:30 – 4:45	**Argument 1**
			Present the Opposition's first major constructive argument. Structure it, analyse it, connect it back to the motion.
		4:45 – 7:00	**Argument 2**
			Present the Opposition's second major constructive argument. Structure it, analyse it, connect it back to the motion.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Deputy Prime Minister (OG) AND Deputy Leader of Opposition (OO)	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 4:30**	**Clashes**
			Focus on the other side's two main arguments and their core strategy. Systematically tear them down. Restore and defend your arguments against the attacks made by the other side.
		4:30 – 7:00	**Argument 3**
			Introduce your third argument, which either deepens the clash or provides a new area of analysis.

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Member of Government (CG) AND Member of Opposition (CO)	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 1:00**	**Opening**
			Address the major ideas of the debate and how you will approach them
		1:00 – 5:00	**Extension**
			Provide a new extension, recognising existing contributions and addressing them
		5:00 – 7:00	**Weigh**
			Explain why the extension is winning

Speaker Position	Total Speaking Time	Timestamp	Typical speech structure
Government Whip AND Opposition Whip	**7 minutes**	**0:00 – 1:00**	**Metric**
			Explain what the deciding factors of the debate are
		1:00 – 3:00	**Clash 1**
			Explain the most important clash of the debate, why it is the most important and justify why you win it.
		3:00 – 7:00	**Clash 2 and 3**
			Give the remaining major clashes of the debate, justify why you should win them.