

Lincoln Douglas Debate Judging Instruction

1. **What is Lincoln Douglas Debate?** Lincoln Douglas debate is “one on one” argumentation in which the debaters try to convince the judge of their side of the proposition of value. Since this event deals with propositions of value, the debates do not advocate establishing a new policy or changing an existing policy.

2. **Topic:** Resolved-

3. **Format:** Each speaker has an equal amount of time to persuade the judges.

Affirmative Constructive.....	6 min
Cross-Examination by the Negative.....	3 min
Negative Constructive.....	7 min
Cross-Examination by the Affirmative.....	3 min
Affirmative Rebuttal.....	4 min
Negative Rebuttal.....	6 min
Affirmative Rebuttal.....	3 min
Prep Time Per Speaker.....	3 min

4. Duties of the Speaker:

- The affirmative speaker is required to support the resolution. All Arguments used to support the resolution must be introduced in the first speech.
- The Negative Speaker must oppose the resolution. The negative may, or may not, present a “negative case.” In either event, all argument against the resolution must be presented in the first speech. **NO NEW ARGUMENTS ARE ALLOWED IN REBUTTAL SPEECHES.**
- Both speakers bare the burden of CLASH in rebuttals. Each must speak to their opponent’s position in the debate. Rebuttals are to expand and extend issues which the speaker has already raised during the constructive speech. New evidence is allowed in rebuttals, as long as it is being used to support arguments which were introduced in constructive speeches.

5. **Making a Decision:** Lincoln Douglas is debate over values. Since it is impossible to prove a value the decision should be to the debater who best uphold their side of the resolution though effective analysis, evidence, reasoning, refutation, and delivery. In Lincoln Douglas debate, logic and persuasion are stressed. In filling out your ballot, please provide comments regarding each speakers abilities and the reason for your decision. Also, award each debater speaker points based on overall performance.