



RRING Debate Format – Running order

1. Team captain
2. Rebuttal
3. Conclusion

Timing is vital! 4:30



The time allotted for each speech, including the captains' summations is **4 minutes** and **30 seconds**. Debaters should speak for no less than four minutes and no more than four and a half.

- Those speaking for between **4.31** and **5.00** will be docked **1 mark**
- Those speaking for between **5.01** and **5.30** will be docked **2 marks**
- Those speaking for between **5.31** and **6.00** will be docked **3 marks**
- Those speaking for over **6.01** will be docked **4 marks**



After the second bell has sounded debaters have **15 seconds** to conclude their remarks. No points should be awarded after the **4 minutes** and **30 seconds** have elapsed.



Marks are not deducted for debaters who fail to use the full time allotted. However instances where a debater concludes well under the allotted time may mean they were insufficiently prepared or spoke too quickly.



The Chief Adjudicator, without mentioning the individual 'culprit' may want to encourage students to learn the 'discipline' of speaking to time.