

Novice LD

Things to Remember

1. Time Limits

- a. 1st Affirmative Constructive – 6 minutes
- b. Cross-Examination – 3 minutes
- c. 1st Negative Constructive – 7 minutes
- d. Cross-Examination – 3 minutes
- e. 1st Affirmative Rebuttal – 4 minutes
- f. 1st Negative Rebuttal – 6 minutes
- g. 2nd Affirmative Rebuttal – 3 minutes
- h. PREP TIME – each side has 4 minutes of prep time, divided as they choose

2. Basics

- a. **Extend** – If your opponent drops (fails to respond) to an argument, EXTEND it and say why it matters
- b. **Connect to Value/Criterion** – this is how your worldview...relate everything back to it
- c. **Attack your opponent's value/criterion** – Either:
 - i. Say why your val/crit is just better
 - ii. Say how you meet their val/crit better than they do
 - iii. Say that your val/crit is a prerequisite to get their val/crit...so look there first
- d. **Remember the power of definitions** – typically forgotten thing in Novice LD...watch for sneaky definitions that aren't common usage...and use/abuse definitions to your advantage if your defs are not attacked
- e. **Common Attacks:**
 - i. No link – Opp fails to connect contention to their value/criterion or topic area
 - ii. No warrant – Opp fails to provide evidence/reasoning to believe point
 - iii. No impact – Even if opponent's argument is true, it has no impact on the round...the argument doesn't prove the resolution true/false.
 - iv. No brightline – There is no way to weigh this in round. Example: Max life – how much life?
 - v. TURN – This helps me more than it does them
- f. **Multiple attacks per item on Opponent's case** – as many as you can, while providing warranted reasoning for the attack.
- g. **Defend against every attack by either:**
 - i. Answering each point they opponent brings up
 - ii. Grouping their responses to a contention and responding to all at once

3. Flowing

- a. **Get the following:**
 - i. Definitions
 - ii. Value
 - iii. Criterion
 - iv. Contentions, with emphasis on claim, author/date, and gist of argument
- b. **If you miss something, ask for their case in CX**...don't read the whole thing, just ask what the warrant/justification is for each point you missed.