

## ACLA Elementary School Debate



This debate format requires a two person team, below is the format. Topics will be similar to SPAR topics and will not require extensive research. This debate format is designed to foster teamwork and collaboration.

Topic strikes: The teams will be given three topics. The opposition/negative/con team will be given the first option to strike a topic. Then affirmative/pro team will strike a topic. The topic left unstricken will be debated. Teams will have 1 minute each to decide what topic will be stricken (2 minutes total).

### **Debate format**

After the topic has been chosen, team will have 5 minutes to develop a case.

3 minutes Affirmative Case (1<sup>st</sup> Pro Speaker)

1 minute cross examination by 2<sup>nd</sup> Con Speaker

3 minutes Negative Case (1<sup>st</sup> Con Speaker)

1 minute cross examination by 2<sup>nd</sup> Pro Speaker

2 minutes Rebuttal Preparation

3 minute Affirmative Rebuttal (2<sup>nd</sup> Pro Speaker)

3 minute Negative Rebuttal (2<sup>nd</sup> Con Speaker)