

Rebuttal and Surrebuttal



Relevant Vis rule

- ▶ The arbitrators will decide whether rebuttal arguments will be permitted. Whether or not rebuttal will be allowed can be expected to change from one argument to the next.

Time

- Agree before the argument
- Reserve Rebuttal time in your Introduction (if it has not already been agreed upon)
- It is recommended you reserve 1 or 2 minutes

Rebuttal

- Rebuttal is not mandatory but it is a useful tool
- Respond to your opponents argument, avoid restating what you have already said
- No more than 1 or 2 points in rebuttal
- Use your time wisely

Stylistic options

- Tie in an underlying theme
- Strengthening an Argument
 - Source Citations
 - Factual Citations to the Record
- Pay attention to the arbitrators and try to resolve their remaining concerns
- Policy Argument

Surrebutal

- Make sure arbitrators are ready and paying attention before you start
- Be responsive to the rebuttal
- Use your teammate
- Use time wisely – you are the last speaker

And remember...

- ▶ Rebuttal and Surrebuttal are the arbitrators' last impressions of you, so finish strong!

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