

NY1 News Runoff Debate Format

Speaking Order: Speaking order will be determined by a coin toss.

Opening and Closing Statements: Candidates may make a 60 second closing statement. There will be no opening statement.

Questions: Questions will be posed by the moderator and panelists. Panelists may use video in their questions.

Response Time, Rebuttal, Re-rebuttal: Candidates will be allowed 60 seconds to respond to a question. The other candidates will get 45 seconds to rebut. Moderator may allow a 30 second re-rebuttal by original respondent.

Questions among candidates: Candidates may ask **two** questions of the other candidate. A candidate gets 60 seconds to respond to a question from the other candidate.

Lightning Round: The moderator will conduct a “lightning round” of questions requiring yes or no answers from each candidate.

Props, Notes: Candidates may not use visual aids, charts or prepared notes.

Paper, Pen: Candidates will be provided with paper and pen at their podiums for the purpose of making notes during the debate.

Moderator’s Discretion: During the Debate, the Moderator will have final say over all questions or issues regarding format of the Debate, as long as the Debate is fair and impartial and all participating candidates have equal time to present their views.