



CNN Worldwide

Florida Senate Debate

Date: October 16, 2018

Time: 10pmET-11pmET (Please arrive no later than 9:25p.m.ET)

Location: WEDU PBS, 1300 N Blvd., Tampa, FL 33607

CNN Contact:



Entrance

The candidates will be pre-positioned behind podiums when the debate begins.

Opening Statement

Moderator Wolf Blitzer will ask each candidate an overarching question that will provide the candidates an opportunity to discuss his governing vision as a U.S. senator from Florida.

Editorial/Timing Lights

Moderator Wolf Blitzer will pose questions to the candidates and the candidates will be asked to adhere to the following timing guidelines:

Question Timing

Primary Question: 1 minute/10 seconds

Response/Rebuttal: 30 seconds

Follow up for clarifying answer: 10 seconds

Timing Lights

30 seconds, a solid yellow light will appear

15 seconds, a red light will flash

00 seconds, a solid red light will appear

The moderator has discretion to allow the candidates more time to explain their points. If a candidate does not answer the question, the moderator may ask for a quick answer to the question posed before moving on. In order to cover as many topics as possible, we ask that the candidates stay to the time limits outlined above.

Stage/Podiums

Candidates will be standing next to each other behind podiums. The moderator will be seated at a desk. A CNN producer and director will explain camera angles to the candidates prior to the event. CNN will provide each candidate with a pen, paper and water throughout the evening. Candidates will not be allowed to bring notes or props onto the stage or speak to staff during commercial breaks in the program. A CNN makeup artist will be on-site for the event.

Commercial Breaks

There will be two commercial breaks during the program.

Audience

At the request of both campaigns, no audience will be present.

Security

Please contact Alec Miran and Kara Manry to discuss specific security arrangements.

Walk Through

CNN will work with each campaign to schedule a "Day-Of" walk-through of the venue to ensure a smooth arrival, participation in the program, and departure.

Greenroom

In addition to 10 audience seats, a private room will be available for the candidate and a small number of aides. Each green room will have light refreshments. Given space constraints of the studio, CNN asks that no more than five people occupy this private room at any one time. It is critical that the campaign send Jennifer Simpson names for green room access no later than October 14.

Air

CNN US, CNN en Español, CNN International, CNN SiriusXM Channels 116, 454 and the Westwood One Radio Network. The program will also be made available to the American Forces Network, seen on U.S. military installations around the world. In addition to live television viewing, the debate can also be viewed via CNNgo at CNN.com/go and via CNNgo apps for Apple TV, Roku, Amazon Fire, Samsung Smart TV and Android TV along with all CNN mobile apps for iOS and Android.