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**ABC NEWS RELEASES DEBATE RULES FOR 2024 PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE ON ABC,  
ABC NEWS LIVE, DISNEY+ AND HULU**

**‘Kamala Harris and Donald Trump – ABC News Presidential Debate’  
Will Air and Stream on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at 9:00 p.m. EDT**



*ABC News\**

ABC News released today the debate rules for “Kamala Harris and Donald Trump – ABC News Presidential Debate” on **Tuesday, Sept. 10**, at 9:00 p.m. EDT, which will air live on ABC and stream live on the 24/7 streaming network [ABC News Live](#), [Disney+](#) and [Hulu](#), and is available for simulcast. The debate will take place at the National Constitution Center (525 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19106). “World News Tonight” anchor and managing editor **David Muir** and “World News Tonight” Sunday anchor and ABC News Live “Prime” anchor **Linsey Davis** will serve as moderators.

**Vice President Kamala Harris** and **former President Donald Trump** have qualified for the debate under the established criteria, and both have accepted the following debate rules, which include the following:

- The debate will be 90 minutes with two commercial breaks.
- The two seated moderators, David Muir and Linsey Davis, will be the only people asking questions.
- A coin flip was held virtually on Tuesday, Sept. 3, to determine podium placement and order of closing statements; former President Donald Trump won the coin toss and chose to select the order of statements. The former president will offer the last closing statement, and Vice President Harris selected the right podium position on screen (stage left).
- Candidates will be introduced by the moderators.

- The candidates enter upon introduction from opposite sides of the stage; the incumbent party will be introduced first.
- No opening statements; closing statements will be two minutes per candidate.
- Candidates will stand behind podiums for the duration of the debate.
- Props or prewritten notes are not allowed onstage.
- No topics or questions will be shared in advance with campaigns or candidates.
- Candidates will be given a pen, a pad of paper and a bottle of water.
- Candidates will have two-minute answers to questions, two-minute rebuttals, and one extra minute for follow-ups, clarifications, or responses.
- Candidates' microphones will be live only for the candidate whose turn it is to speak and muted when the time belongs to another candidate.
- Candidates will not be permitted to ask questions of each other.
- Campaign staff may not interact with candidates during commercial breaks.
- Moderators will seek to enforce timing agreements and ensure a civilized discussion.
- There will be no audience in the room.

**SIMULCAST GRAPHIC:** <https://we.tl/t-ZfD97XZbEV>

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