

Rules Changes proposed Fall 2016

340.10(2)A Novice 2 Speaker

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Rationale: In tandem with moving to a quarterfinal cap on elimination rounds, this ensures the champion has one additional paired round and moves all division to 2 preset and 4 paired rounds.

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Current: C. All teams with a winning record are eligible to participate in elimination rounds.

Proposed: C. All teams with a winning record are eligible to participate in elimination rounds, up to a full quarterfinal round.

Rationale: A novice division can still crown a champion with 3 elimination rounds. This also preserves the need for a winning record to compete in elimination rounds.

231.10 Grievance Procedures

Proposal: Insert the following as (1) and renumerate the remaining sections.

Any appeal or grievance stemming from an evidence violation must follow the procedures laid out in 210.10. These procedures are used for all other issues.

Rationale: Evidence violations would benefit from their own procedures.

310.2. TAB ROOM

Current: (1) The elected officers shall each serve as a tab chair for a division of the tournament with the appointed members of the Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee and at least three other persons assigned to assist in the tab room.

Proposed: (1). The Executive Committee should serve in the tab room in a capacity determined by the Tournament Director, as well as others chosen by the Tournament Director with the consent of the President.

Rationale: Having close to a dozen people in the tabroom is not our practice and is no longer necessary. We also have more officers than divisions. This change empowers the WSDT Director to assign people by their strengths and follows our current practices

Other things

TRPC

Change all references to TRPC with the following: "Electronic tabulation software as determined by the tournament director will be used."

4 Divisions

Strike all references and sections pertaining to the 4 speaker novice and varsity policy divisions. Renumber remaining sections as appropriate. Rename the NSS division, Novice Policy Debate and the VSS division Varsity Policy Debate

Speaker Awards

Add PF speaker awards to the top 5.

Change all speaker awards to the top 5 speakers.

The current rule says speaker awards to the top 4. Insert the following: Speaker placement based on the following tiebreakers in PF and LD: Total points, high-low points, and double high-low points. If a tie still exists, duplicate awards will be given.

In Policy debate insert the following: Total points, high-low points, double high-low points, ranks, high-low ranks, and double high-low ranks. If a tie still exists, duplicate awards will be given.