

NEW PROPOSALS FROM SEPT TO BE VOTED ON MAY 2017



Proposed: 09-11-16A

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: Consolidate and Clarify Protest and Grievance Procedures

Submitted by: Jennifer Kindred Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- X** Deletion from By-Laws: Article XIV, Section 8 (all)
- X** Addition to By-Laws: Article XV, Section 2, paragraph ____
- X** Other change: Article XV, Rearrange and renumber sections – Clarify distinction between Grievance process and Protest process.

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

Article XIV:

~~Section 8. State Tournament Grievance Committee.~~

- ~~A. The Grievance Committee shall be comprised of the four Area Chairs, and shall be chaired by the President of CHSSA. In the absence of the President from the State Tournament, the Vice President Activities shall chair the Grievance Committee.~~
- ~~B. The President shall establish a Help desk to receive any protests at the State Tournament.~~
- ~~C. A quorum of the Grievance Committee shall consist of three members not including the Chair, however, every reasonable effort shall be made to have all four Area Chairs present before the protest is heard.~~
- ~~D. The jurisdiction of the Grievance Committee shall extend to any allegation of misconduct or violation of the By Laws during the State Tournament. The decision of the Grievance Committee shall be final.~~
- ~~E. For protests filed during the State Tournament, investigations and deliberations of the Grievance Committee shall follow this prescribed procedure:
 - ~~1. The protest form must be completed and presented to the Help desk or to a tournament official by a member school coach of record or designee. The person submitting the protest must remain at the Help desk until the Grievance Committee convenes.~~
 - ~~2. The protest must be presented in writing, using an appropriate form designated by the President. This form must include the following information:
 - ~~a. name and mailing address of the complainant~~
 - ~~b. school address and principal of the complainant~~
 - ~~c. alleged violation with specific reference to the By Laws; or alleged unethical conduct~~
 - ~~d. explanation of the effect of the alleged violation or misconduct on the round~~~~~~

~~e. requested remedy~~

- ~~3. The protest must be submitted prior to the next round of the event protested.~~
- ~~4. The President shall convene the Grievance Committee immediately, and a reasonable attempt shall be made to notify all member schools involved in the protest. The Grievance Committee has fifteen minutes to convene after the President has called for a quorum.~~
- ~~5. The President or Vice President Activities shall notify the appropriate Tabulation Room immediately of the protest, requesting that the next round be delayed until a decision is reached by the Committee.~~
- ~~6. The Grievance Committee shall meet privately with the person submitting the protest, and with any other persons involved, but with the exclusion of extraneous persons. A student must be represented by his/her coach, and may be accompanied by an adult of his/her choosing. However, only the coach of record (or designee) and the student may speak before the Grievance Committee.~~
- ~~7. A statement of the allegation shall be presented to all parties concerned, who may present any information and arguments that may be germane to the issue. All parties need not be present at the same time. At the discretion of the Grievance Committee, judges or other witnesses may be questioned. The Grievance Committee has thirty minutes to hear presentations by all parties concerned, and must render a decision within fifteen minutes of the conclusion of the presentations. The time limit may vary depending on the number of protests under consideration simultaneously.~~
- ~~8. The Grievance Committee shall meet privately for deliberation. The President shall facilitate the discussion from a neutral point of view. A vote shall be taken and recorded. A majority vote of those present and voting shall determine the decision of the Committee, with the President voting only in case of a tie. All concerned parties shall be informed of the decision immediately.~~
- ~~9. The decision and rationale of the committee shall be
 - ~~a. presented orally or in writing to the affected parties~~
 - ~~b. posted in general terms as to the violation, but with no names,~~
 - ~~c. and reported to the CSSC at its meeting following the State Tournament.~~~~

~~F. Challenges in debate shall follow procedures for that debate event outlined in Article XI.~~

~~G. Any protests must be submitted by the coach of record (or designee) of the school involved in the protest. In no case shall a parent, contestant, or member of the contestant's family register a protest. In no case shall an observer or judge register a protest.~~

~~H. Consequences for violation of rules as stipulated in the By Laws shall be considered a maximum penalty, and may be modified at the discretion of the Grievance Committee. In the absence of any such stipulation in the By Laws, the Grievance Committee has the authority to impose an appropriate consequence for a violation of rules. If a student who has placed in a final round is found to have violated the rules, that student may be disqualified. If disqualified, the student must relinquish the trophy, and other students placing below the disqualified student shall move up one rank.~~

~~I. The consequence for unethical conduct shall extend neither to reduction of round scores nor to disqualification from the State Tournament.~~

~~J. All decisions of the Grievance Committee shall be communicated to the principal of the school against whom the decision is reached, the coach of record, and the League President.~~

ARTICLE XV: **Protest and** Grievance Procedures

Section 8 1. State Tournament ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee.

- A. The ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee shall be comprised of the four Area Chairs, and shall be chaired by the President of CHSSA. In the absence of the President from the State Tournament, the Vice President Activities shall chair the ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee.
- B. The President shall establish a Help desk to receive any protests at the State Tournament.
- C. A quorum of the ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee shall consist of three members not including the Chair; ~~however, every reasonable effort shall be made to have all four Area Chairs present before the protest is heard.~~ (Not sure we need this)
- D. The jurisdiction of the ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee shall extend to any allegation of misconduct or violation of the By Laws during the State Tournament. The decision of the ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee shall be final.
- E. ~~For protests filed during the State Tournament, investigations and deliberations of the Grievance Committee shall follow this prescribed procedure~~ **Protests shall be filed according to this procedure:**
 1. The protest form must be completed and presented to the Help desk or to a tournament official by a member school coach of record or designee. ~~The person submitting the protest must remain at the Help desk until the Grievance **Protest** Committee convenes.~~ (Do we need this??)
 2. The protest must be presented in writing, using an appropriate form designated by the President. This form must include the following information:
 - a. name and mailing address of the complainant
 - b. school address and principal of the complainant
 - c. alleged violation with specific reference to the By-Laws; or alleged unethical conduct
 - d. explanation of the effect of the alleged violation or misconduct on the round
 - e. requested remedy
 3. The protest must be submitted prior to the next round of the event protested.
 4. The President shall convene the ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee immediately, and a reasonable attempt shall be made to notify all member schools involved in the protest. The ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee has fifteen minutes to convene after the President has called for a quorum.
 5. The President or Vice President Activities shall notify the appropriate Tabulation Room immediately of the protest, requesting that the next round be delayed until a decision is reached by the Committee.
 6. The ~~Grievance~~ **Protest** Committee shall meet privately with the person submitting the protest, and with any other persons involved, but with the exclusion of extraneous persons. A student must be represented by his/her coach, and may be accompanied by an adult of his/her choosing.

However, only the coach of record (or designee) and the student may speak before the **Grievance Protest Committee**.

7. A statement of the allegation shall be presented to all parties concerned, who may present any information and arguments that may be germane to the issue. All parties need not be present at the same time. At the discretion of the **Grievance Protest Committee**, judges or other witnesses may be questioned. The **Grievance Protest Committee** has thirty minutes to hear presentations by all parties concerned, and must render a decision within fifteen minutes of the conclusion of the presentations. The time limit may vary depending on the number of protests under consideration simultaneously.
8. The **Grievance Protest Committee** shall ~~meet privately for deliberation~~ **deliberate privately**. The President shall facilitate the discussion from a neutral point of view. A vote shall be taken and recorded. A majority vote of those present and voting shall determine the decision of the Committee, with the President voting only in case of a tie. All concerned parties shall be informed of the decision immediately.
9. The decision and rationale of the committee shall be
 - a. presented orally or in writing to the affected parties
 - b. posted in general terms as to the violation, but with no names,
 - c. and reported to the CSSC at its meeting following the State Tournament.
- F. Challenges in debate shall follow procedures for that debate event outlined in Article XI.
- G. Any protests must be submitted by the coach of record (or designee) of the school involved in the protest. In no case shall a parent, contestant, or member of the contestant's family register a protest. In no case shall an observer or judge register a protest.
- H. Consequences for violation of rules as stipulated in the By-Laws shall be considered a maximum penalty, and may be modified at the discretion of the **Grievance Protest Committee**. In the absence of any such stipulation in the By-Laws, the **Grievance Protest Committee** has the authority to impose an appropriate consequence for a violation of rules. If a student who has placed in a final round is found to have violated the rules, that student may be disqualified. If disqualified, the student must relinquish the trophy, and other students placing below the disqualified student shall move up one rank.
- I. ~~The consequence for unethical conduct shall extend neither to reduction of round scores nor to disqualification from the State Tournament.~~ (Note: Do we need this section?? What is the difference between unethical conduct and doing something against the by-laws?)
- J. ~~All decisions of the **Grievance Protest Committee** shall be communicated to the principal of the school against whom the decision is reached, the coach of record, and the League President.~~ (Do we do this??)

Section 42. Grievances and the Grievance Committee

1. **The Grievance Committee shall be comprised of the four Area Chairs, and shall be chaired by the President of CHSSA. In the absence of the President from the State Tournament, the Vice President Activities shall chair the Grievance Committee. The grievance**

committee shall address any complaints or grievances that arise outside of the state tournament.

2. Grievances shall be filed according to this procedure: ~~The following steps shall be used in any complaint or grievance other than at the State Tournament. Each League shall notify its members of the name, office, address, and telephone number of the responsible person to whom complaints shall be addressed. All complaints and responses shall be in writing.~~

- A. The complainant must present in written form, within five working days, the complaint to the League President. The complainant must indicate the section(s) of the Constitution or By-laws allegedly violated.
- B. The League President has five working days in which to investigate and determine whether or not the indicated section(s) of the Constitution or By-laws was violated and respond.
- C. If not satisfied, the complainant may appeal within five working days to the Area Chairperson.
- D. The Area Chairperson will then investigate and review whether the Constitution and Bylaws were violated. Response by the Area Chairperson must be given within five working days.
- E. If the complainant is not satisfied, an appeal may be made in writing within five working days to the CHSSA President. The President shall forward in writing all relevant documents including a copy of the original complaint to the members of the Grievance Committee (~~stipulated in Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution and Article IV of the Bylaws~~). Committee members shall investigate and determine whether the Constitution and By-laws were violated. Committee members shall respond to the President with their individual decisions in writing within ten working days except as in "G" below.
- F. If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision of the Grievance Committee, an appeal may be made to the CSSC five working days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting. The complainant shall become an item of new business on the agenda. The CHSSA President shall notify the complainant of the CSSC's decision within five working days.
- G. All protests arising within 20 days prior to the State Tournament must be resolved within 72 hours at each level.
- H. It shall be the affirmative duty of the President, Area Chairs, Grievance Committee, and CSSC at each level of appeal to contact all involved parties to acquire relevant information before rendering a decision.
- I. It shall be the affirmative duty of the President, Area Chairs, Grievance Committee, and CSSC at each level of appeal to review and enforce the By-laws AS WRITTEN. The Grievance Committee does not have the right or authority to write or change the Bylaws or the Constitution, but simply to enforce them to the best of their ability.

Rationale:

The CHSSA by-laws, to be effective must be clear and user-friendly. The protest and grievance procedures are both complaints that are addressed by the same committee. By putting the two procedures together in the same Article and identifying the distinction, the time and procedure for protest and grievance are clearer.



Number: _____

Proposed: 09-11-16B

A Motion Revise the By-Laws: to Incentivize More Spontaneity in Impromptu

Submitted by: Iain Lampert, TCFL

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

- * Deletion from By-Laws: Article IX ,section 1, paragraph B-2-a., Page #2
- * Addition to By-Laws: Article IX, section 1, paragraph B-2-a., Page #2

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

- ~~a. Topics: Four types of topics shall be used:~~
- ~~—Round 1 = concrete nouns~~
 - ~~—Round 2 = brief, thought-provoking quotations~~
 - ~~—Round 3 = general topics of current interest~~
 - ~~—Semi-final = single word abstracts~~
 - ~~—Final = brief, thought-provoking quotations~~

- a. Topics: Topics will be selected from, but not are limited to, concrete nouns, brief thought-provoking quotations, general topics of current interest, single abstract nouns, famous people, famous historic events, brief thought-provoking questions, and acronyms. At least three of the five topic areas at the state championship will change every year. Topic areas will not be announced prior to the state championship.**

Rationale:

- 1) The \$1000 scholarship to the most spontaneous speaker in the state final round indicates a desire to minimize 'canned' speeches in Impromptu. It helps incentivize final round spontaneity, but does nothing to discourage students from using canned examples to advance through the preliminary rounds and semifinals. This amendment makes it more difficult for students to give the same canned speech over and over during the tournament.
- 2) Many other tournaments are breaking away from the concrete-abstract-current event-quotation limit. The NSDA National Championship and NJFL (middle school) Championship change their topics every year. The NJFL releases the topic areas ahead of time, but does not always indicate the rounds in which they will appear; the NSDA does not release anything. Multiple prominent invitationals, including

James Logan, Berkeley, and Stanford, change their topics yearly to allow for more variety. Competitors are already used to more challenging topics.

- 3) Having to speak on topics with less preparation and notice (in at least some rounds at the state championship) challenges students to focus more on making arguments and sorting out evidence spontaneously, instead of thinking of how best to twist their canned examples to fit the topic. This develops better critical thinking, spontaneous speaking, honesty, and creativity in our competitors.



Proposed: 09-11-16 C

A Motion to Revise the By-Laws: to limit changes to State Qualifying Scripts

Submitted by: Karen Minick, YFL

Second by: _____

This revision will be a(n):

****Deletion from By-Laws: Article VII ,section 7F**

****Addition to By-Laws: Article VII , Section 7F**

~~F. A contestant is permitted to revise a script or change a selection after a state qualification tournament. However, any revision of an original script or selection or change of selection must be approved by the League president with a new cover sheet properly filled out and in the hands of the Area Chairperson two weeks prior to the State Tournament. Updating of original scripts to reflect current historical facts may be submitted to the Area Chair up to and including the time of registration.~~

F. Students must compete in the State Tournament with the script that they qualified with at the League Qualifying tournament.

- 1. Contestants are permitted to revise their script or change one selection within their thematic interpretation after the state qualification tournament in which they qualified, so long as the script remains substantively identical to the qualifying script. Any modification of the original qualifying script must be resubmitted with a new, properly completed cover sheet, approved by the League president, and in the hands of the Area Chairperson two weeks prior to the first day of the State Tournament.**
- 2. Updating of original scripts to reflect current historical facts (such as the change of the name of the President of the United States after elections) may be submitted to the Area Chair up to and including the time of registration, attached in list form to the qualifying manuscript, indicating the original term used and the updated replacement term.**

Rationale: At a qualifier tournament, judges qualify (rank) a student performing a particular script. It is questionable whether the student would have the same success with a newly memorized script, performed fewer times in competition. Submission of completely new scripts after the qualifier may work against student success as the student qualified with that particular script, knows it, and has been victorious with it. Therefore, THAT is the script that should also be performed at the State Tournament. Changes to the same script will still be allowed, (hence the language regarding Thematic Interp.) but submission and validation of a completely NEW script puts undue stress and hardship on the student, as well as League Presidents and Area Chairpersons who must read and validate scripts and should, therefore, not be allowed.

REGARDING ALL DEBATE PROPOSALS FOLLOWING:

In an effort to create parity between all four styles of debate, our committee has been working on various possible schedules and rules. We would like to present the following proposal for your consideration:

1. Bring all styles of debate up to 64 entries, to be divided up by the current allocation and bonus procedures.
2. Allow all entrants at the state tournament to have four prelim rounds, two aff / two neg.
3. Break to the top 16 (octo-finals), after which we have a single-elimination bracket.
4. Double-judge the four prelim rounds, and rank the top 16 by the following criteria:
 - a. number of ballots won
 - b. number of wins / splits / losses
 - c. strength of all four prelim opponents
 - d. strength of opponents who split with them
 - e. strength of opponents who beat them

We have written a schedule and seven by-laws amendments that would implement this proposal. These are ordered A-G, and defeat of the earlier motions would overrule the need to consider the latter motions.

We would like your feedback. We are not married to the wording as shown, although it was the best we could come up with in committee. We are happy to consider amendments.

Thank you.



Number: _____

Disposition: _____

Motion A to Revise the By-Laws to:

Bring all four forms of debate to parity at sixty-four entries

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Alteration to By-Laws: Article VII , section 5 , paragraph C

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

C. Distribution of Policy, **Public Forum, Parliamentary**, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate entries: There shall be sixty-four entries in ~~both Policy Debate, Public Forum, Parliamentary Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.~~ Each Area shall receive fourteen **entries in each of these four forms of debate.** ~~Policy Debate and fourteen Lincoln-Douglas debate entries.~~ In addition to these fifty-six entries, an additional eight bonus entries shall be distributed using the following formula (Appendix F: worksheet): 1. To be eligible to receive additional entry(ies) to the State Debate Tournament, a League must average two (2) wins per allocated entry or better. 2. The eight floating entries shall be distributed: a. One to each eligible League. b. Any remaining entry(ies) shall be distributed to the Leagues with the greatest average wins per entry. 3. Tie-breaker: In the event of ties between Leagues, the tie shall be broken on the basis of greater average wins per entry in the four previous State Tournaments. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken on the basis of average wins per entry five years prior, six years prior, etc.

~~D. Distribution of Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate entries: There shall be forty-eight entries in both Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate. Each Area shall receive twelve Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate entries.~~

Rationale: For many years, people have been asking why two forms of debate have fewer entries than the others. This motion (and the six following) attempt to bring parity.

Number: _____

Disposition: _____



**Motion A to Revise the By-Laws to:
Bring all four forms of debate to parity at sixty-four entries**

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Alteration to By-Laws: Article VII , section 5 , paragraph C

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

C. Distribution of Policy, **Public Forum, Parliamentary**, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate entries: There shall be sixty-four entries in ~~both Policy Debate, Public Forum, Parliamentary Debate, and Lincoln-Douglas Debate.~~ Each Area shall receive fourteen **entries in each of these four forms of debate.** ~~Policy Debate and fourteen Lincoln-Douglas debate entries.~~ In addition to these fifty-six entries, an additional eight bonus entries shall be distributed using the following formula (Appendix F: worksheet): 1. To be eligible to receive additional entry(ies) to the State Debate Tournament, a League must average two (2) wins per allocated entry or better. 2. The eight floating entries shall be distributed: a. One to each eligible League. b. Any remaining entry(ies) shall be distributed to the Leagues with the greatest average wins per entry. 3. Tie-breaker: In the event of ties between Leagues, the tie shall be broken on the basis of greater average wins per entry in the four previous State Tournaments. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken on the basis of average wins per entry five years prior, six years prior, etc.

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Rationale: For many years, people have been asking why two forms of debate have fewer entries than the others. This motion (and the six following) attempt to bring parity.

Number: _____

Disposition: _____



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:
Bring all four forms of debate into parity at sixty-four entries**

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Alteration to By-Laws: Article VIII , section 2 , paragraph A.4

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

4. Each entry for the State Tournament shall be assigned an event number by the Vice President-Activities, and subsequently assigned to the qualifiers within each Area by the Area Chairperson. No two contestants shall have the same number. Numbers assigned to events inclusively are:

a. Debate Events

Policy debate = 1-64

Lincoln Douglas debate = 1201-1264

Parliamentary debate = 1401-~~1464~~ **1432**

Public Forum debate = 1501-~~1564~~ **1532**

Rationale: Should the previous motion pass, the numbering in this section needs to be updated. Should the previous motion fail, the numbering still needs to be updated, since we have 48 entries in Parli and Public Forum instead of 32.

Number: _____

Disposition: _____



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:
Increase Preliminary Rounds of Debate at the State Tournament**

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Alteration to By-Laws: Article XII ,section 2 , paragraph

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

Section 2. Preliminary and elimination rounds

A. Rounds 1-4 -3 - Preliminary rounds: All teams or individuals shall debate in rounds one, two, and three, **and four**. ~~At the conclusion of round three, all teams or individuals with two or more losses shall be eliminated.~~

~~B. Rounds 4-6 - Double elimination: At the conclusion of rounds four, five, and six (and any subsequent round in which there are more than eight teams or individuals remaining), all teams or individuals with two losses shall be eliminated. Only teams with zero or one loss may debate in these rounds.~~

B. At the conclusion of round four all teams or individuals shall be ranked according to the following criteria, and the top sixteen teams/individuals shall continue to octo-finals.

- 1. Number of ballots won**
- 2. Number of debates won (both judges, not a split decision)**
- 3. Number of ballots won by all four Opponents faced**
- 4. Number of ballots won by Opponents who split with them**
- 5. Number of ballots won by Opponents who defeated them**

C. **Octofinals**, quarterfinals, semifinals, finals - Single elimination. ~~The quarterfinal round will be declared when eight (or fewer) teams or individual remain in the tournament. Beginning in the quarter~~ **octofinal** round, elimination is automatic for losing teams or individuals, regardless of **prior** won-loss record.

Rationale: The rationale for this motion should be considered in conjunction with the following two motions as well. Raising entries to 64 in each style of debate increases the number of rooms and judges needed. By increasing prelim rounds to four and decreasing judges to 2/round we enable a system of ranking based on number of ballots, with number of wins becoming a tie-breaker.

Increasing preliminary rounds has at least two positive effects. First, more rounds of competition makes the tournament a better experience for all teams. They get more experience for their money. Secondly, an even number of prelim rounds means that teams get to use both their affirmative and negative cases twice during the tournament.

Number: _____

Disposition: _____



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:
Reduce the Judging Demands in Preliminary Rounds of Debate**

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Addition to By-Laws: Article XII , section 4

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

Section 4. Judges ~~in Final Rounds~~: **There shall be two judges in each of the four preliminary rounds. In the octo-final and quarter-final round there shall be three judges.** In the semifinal and final round, there shall be five judges.

Rationale: The rationale for this motion should be considered in conjunction with the previous and following motions as well. Raising entries to 64 in each style of debate increases the number of rooms and judges needed. By increasing prelim rounds to four and decreasing judges to 2/round we enable a system of ranking based on number of ballots, with number of wins becoming a tie-breaker. This makes the tournament run more efficiently on Friday afternoon when it is hard to find sufficient judges. It also decreases the judging burden on Saturday.

Number: _____

Disposition: _____



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:
Reduce the Judging Demands in Preliminary Rounds of Debate**

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Alteration to By-Laws: Article XIV , section 2 , paragraph B

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

B. In Team Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Parliamentary Debate and Public Forum Debate ~~three~~ **two** judges shall be used in each **of the four preliminary rounds** ~~round up to and including the quarter-final round.~~ **In the octo-final and quarter-final rounds, three judges shall be used.** In the semi-final and final rounds, five judges shall be used. No judge should score the same debate team or Lincoln-Douglas debater twice during the Tournament.

Rationale: The rationale for this motion should be considered in conjunction with the previous two motions as well. Raising entries to 64 in each style of debate increases the number of rooms and judges needed. By increasing prelim rounds to four and decreasing judges to 2/round we enable a system of ranking based on number of ballots, with number of wins becoming a tie-breaker. This makes the tournament run more efficiently on Friday afternoon when it is hard to find sufficient judges. It also decreases the judging burden on Saturday.

Number: _____

Disposition: _____



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:
Explain Debate Pairings under the Newly Adopted Schedule**

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Addition to By-Laws: Article XII , section 3 , paragraphs B + C

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

Section 3. Pairing debates.

B. After round one and prior to ~~quarter~~ the **octo**-final rounds, ~~undefeated teams or individuals shall be matched against undefeated teams or individuals. Undefeated teams or individuals shall be matched first, then the once defeated teams or individuals shall be matched~~ **teams shall be matched against opponents with the same record of ballots won.**

~~C. If pools of undefeated or once-defeated teams or individuals each contain an odd number, one team or individual must be moved from the once-defeated to the undefeated pool. Before selecting the once-defeated teams or individuals, the side allocation of the undefeated and once-defeated teams or individuals shall be established following the procedure outlined in paragraph E. Then draw into the undefeated pool the oncedefeated team or individual who is randomly selected from the pool of once-defeateds which (1) are due to uphold the side opposite the side to be upheld by the majority of undefeateds, and (2) have not lost on that side. If no once-defeated teams or individuals fulfilling the second condition are available, the drawing shall be made from the pool of oncedefeated which fulfill the first condition.~~

C. If pools of students with the same record have an odd number of teams/individuals, an entrant shall be drawn up from the lower pool to be paired with a member of the higher pool. The entrant to be pulled up shall be randomly chosen from those who (1) need to compete on the side less represented in the higher pool, and (2) have not lost while debating on that side. If no entrant fulfills the second condition, the draw shall be made from those who fulfill the first condition.

Rationale:

Number: _____

Disposition: _____



**A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to:
Create a Bracket of Four Single-Elimination Rounds (Octo-finals and Onward)**

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Alteration to By-Laws: Article XII , section 3 , paragraph G

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

~~G. In quarter/semi-final rounds:~~

- ~~1. All teams/individuals who will compete in the quarterfinals will be ranked based on:~~
 - ~~a. overall record~~
 - ~~b. total number of ballots won~~
 - ~~c. number of wins earned by the contestant that defeated the quarter-finals~~
(higher total = higher ranking)
 - ~~d. total number of wins earned by all opponents of the quarterfinalist (higher total = higher ranking)~~

G. Single-Elimination Bracket

- 1. Before the fifth round (octo-finals) all teams/individuals shall be ranked based on:**
 - a. Number of ballots won**
 - b. Number of debates won (both judges, not a split decision)**
 - c. Number of ballots won by all four Opponents faced**
 - d. Number of ballots won by Opponents who split with them**
 - e. Number of ballots won by Opponents who defeated them**
- ~~2. Once a team/individual has been ranked, it will keep its ranking throughout elimination rounds. Quarterfinal results will not affect rankings.~~
- 2. The top-ranked team/individual will receive a #1 seed for the quarterfinals. The next fifteen teams/individuals other quarter-finalists will receive the seed respective to their ranking (#2 for second-highest rank, #3 for third, etc.), down to #16. Teams ranked lower than 16th shall not continue in the tournament.**
- 3. The sixteen seeded teams shall be placed in a bracket, in which #1 meets #16, #2 meets #15, etc. See Appendix AA. Placement in the bracket shall not be adjusted for any conflicts (prior opponents, same school conflicts, etc.)**

4. Losers of any single-elimination round are eliminated from the tournament. Winners of each round advance along their branch of the bracket. Results of any elimination round shall not cause a team to jump to a different branch of the bracket.

4. Drawing of byes and quarterfinal pairings:

a. if eight teams/individuals remain no byes will be drawn; #1 seed meets #8, #2 meets #7, #3 meets #6, #4 meets #5.

b. if seven teams/individuals remain, the #1 seed receives the bye; #2 meets #7, #3 meets #6, and #4 meets #5.

c. If six teams/individuals remain, the #1 and #2 seeds receive byes, #3 meets #6, #4 meets #5.

d. If five teams/individuals remain, the #1, #2 and #3 seeds receive byes, #4 meets #5.

5. If the seeding creates a pairing wherein a contestant is scheduled to debate a contestant from the same school (cf. paragraph F-1a), the following adjustments will be attempted to move the conflict:

a. The lower seed in the “conflict debate” is swapped with the next lowest seed. For instance, if #3 vs. #6 creates a conflict, try pairing #3 vs. #7 and #2 vs. #6. If this creates a new conflict (go to b.)

b. The lower seed in the “conflict debate” is swapped with the next highest seed. For instance, if #3 vs. #6 creates a conflict, try pairing #3 vs. #5 and #4 vs. #6. If this creates a new conflict (go to c.)

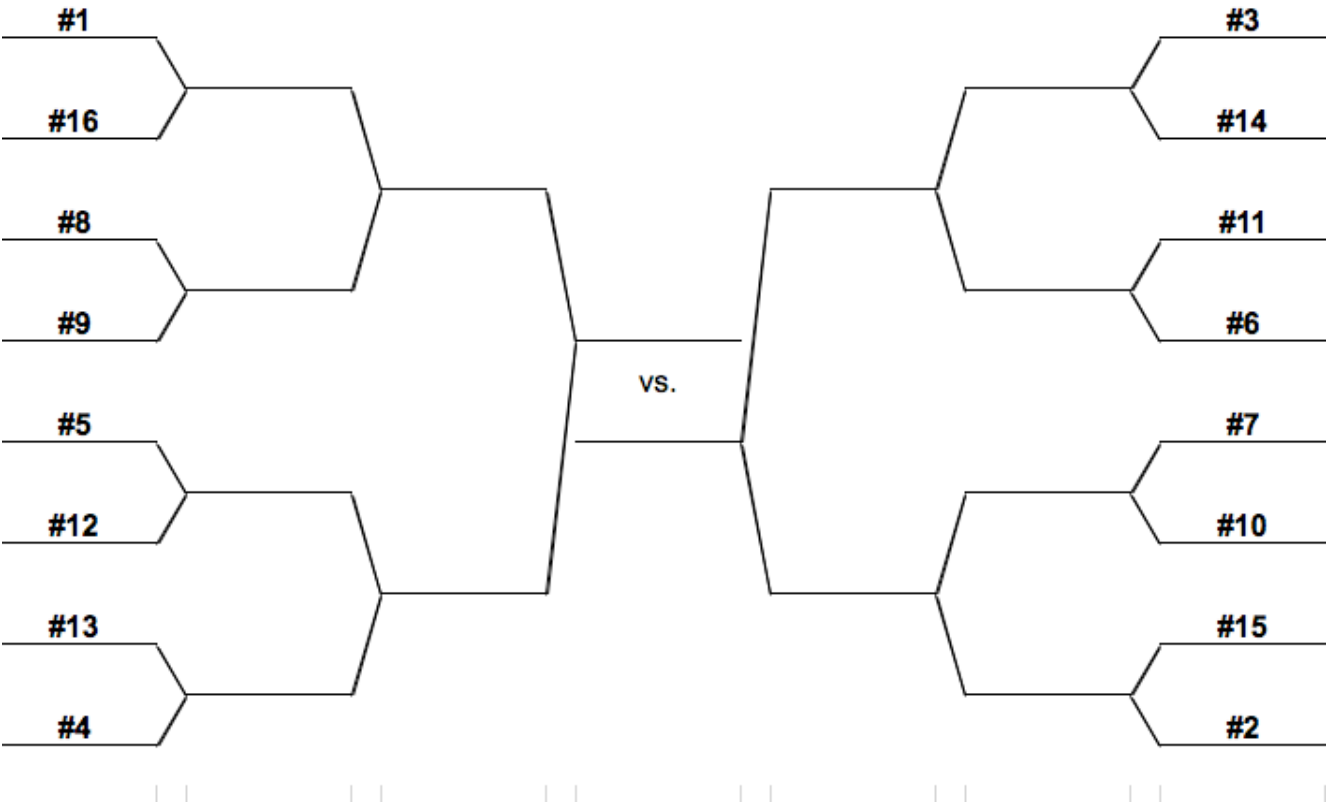
c. The lower seed in the “conflict debate” is swapped with the contestant seeded two slots lower. For instance, if #4 vs. #5 creates a conflict, try pairing #4 vs. #7 and #2 vs. #5. If this creates a new conflict (go to d.)

d. The lower seed in the “conflict debate” is swapped with the contestant seeded two slots higher. For instance, if #2 vs. #7 creates a conflict, try pairing #2 vs. #5 and #4 vs. #7.

e. If all of these adjustments create a new conflict, then the original pairings will be used for the quarterfinal round.

Rationale:

Appendix AA:



Number: _____

Disposition: _____



A Motion to Revise the By-Laws to: Clarify Drawing of Byes in Light of Recent Changes to Debate

Submitted by: Debate Committee (Larsen *et al.*) Second by: _____

This revision will be an:

◆ Alteration to By-Laws: Article XII ,section 1

Specific revision: *[Exact wording is required. Show strikethroughs original language that is deleted and put any added/changed language in **bold print**]*

Section 1. Drawing of Byes

A. If the tournament is paired according to the procedures outlined in this Article, no byes should be necessary ~~before quarterfinals in events with 64 entries, or before Round 5 in events with 48 entries.~~ If some unforeseen circumstance occurs (e.g. fewer than 64 ~~or 48~~ teams/individuals competing in Round 1, a team dropping from the tournament due to illness, the awarding of double wins as a result of a protest, etc.), it may be necessary to draw byes in preliminary rounds. **If this is the case, byes should be drawn from the lowest ranked bracket that has an odd number of entries, so as to best maintain the integrity of each bracket through the tournament. If a bye is necessary in round one, it should be drawn at random.**

~~B. Byes in Rounds 1 through 6 should be taken from the following brackets:~~

~~Round 1. The bye should be assigned at random. All teams/individuals are eligible for the bye.~~

~~Round 2. The bye should come from the one loss bracket, and should be assigned so as to minimize the number of teams/individuals that have to be assigned to even up sides, as outlined in Section 3, Paragraph E.~~

~~Round 3. The bye should come from the two loss bracket.~~

~~Round 4. The bye should come from the one loss bracket, and should be assigned so as to minimize the number of teams/individuals that have to be assigned to even up sides, as outlined in Section 3, Paragraph E.~~

~~Round 5. The bye should come from the one loss bracket.~~

~~Round 6. The bye should come from the one loss bracket, and should be assigned so as to minimize the number of teams/individuals that have to be assigned to even up sides, as outlined in Section 3, Paragraph E.~~

Elimination rounds. Rules for byes are outlined in Section 3, Paragraph G4.

Rationale: If the previous six motions pass, the number of entrants and rounds will change, as will the type of brackets students will be in. Rather than win, loss, double-loss brackets, we will have brackets based on number of ballots.

The language suggested is from the 2009 edition of our by-laws. I think it fits our current needs.

Should the previous motions not pass, the committee will withdraw this motion.

Timeslot	Cong	CX	LD	Par	PF	IE	Cong Ent	CX Ent	LD Ent	Par Ent	PF Ent	IE Ent	Total Ent	Cong Rm	CX Rm	LD Rm	Par Rm	PF Rm	IE Rm	Total Rm	Cong Jud	CX Jud	LD Jud	Par Jud	PF Jud	IE Jud	Total Jud
FRI 2:00		R1	R1	R1A				64	64	24			152	0	32	16	12	0	0	60	0	96	48	36	0	0	180
FRI 3:45	R1					R1A	90					336	426	6	0	0	0	0	48	54	18	0	0	0	0	144	162
FRI 5:45		R2	R2	R1B				64	64	24			152	0	32	16	12	0	0	60	0	96	48	36	0	0	180
FRI 7:30						R1B						336	336	0	0	0	0	0	48	48	0	0	0	0	0	144	144
SAT 8:00		R3	R3					64	64				128	0	32	16	0	0	0	48	0	96	48	0	0	0	144
SAT 9:45	R2					R2A	90					336	426	6	0	0	0	0	48	54	18	0	0	0	0	144	162
SAT 11:15		R4	R4	R2	R1			32	32	48	48		160	0	16	8	24	12	0	60	0	48	24	72	36	0	180
SAT 1:00	R3					R2B	90					336	426	6	0	0	0	0	48	54	18	0	0	0	0	144	162
SAT 2:45		R5	R5	R3	R2			20	20	48	48		136	0	10	5	24	12	0	51	0	30	15	72	36	0	153
SAT 4:30						R3A						336	336	0	0	0	0	0	48	48	0	0	0	0	0	144	144
SAT 6:15		R6	R6	R4	R3			12	12	24	48		96	0	6	6	12	12	0	36	0	18	18	36	36	0	108
SAT 8:00						R3B						336	336	0	0	0	0	0	48	48	0	0	0	0	0	144	144
SUN 8:00		Quar	Quar	R5	R4			7	7	15	24		53	0	3	3	7	12	0	25	0	15	15	21	36	0	87
SUN 9:45	Semi					Semi A	30					84	114	2	0	0	0	0	12	14	10	0	0	0	0	60	70
SUN 10:30				R6	R5					10	15		25	0	0	0	5	7	0	12	0	0	0	15	21	0	36
SUN 11:15						Semi B						84	84	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
SUN 1:00	Final	Semi	Semi	Quar	R6		15	4	4	6	10		39	1	2	2	3	5	0	13	5	10	10	15	15	0	55
SUN 2:45						Final						84	84	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	60	60
SUN 3:15				Semi	Quar					4	6		10	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	0	0	0	10	15	0	25
SUN 4:00		Final	Final		Semi			2	2		4		8	0	1	1	0	2	0	4	0	5	5	0	10	0	20
SUN 5:00				Final	Final					2	2		4	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	5	5	0	10

Max Rooms Needed: 60
Max Judges Needed: 180

This option is the status quo

Timeslot	CX	LD	Par	PF	CX Ent	LD Ent	Par Ent	PF Ent	Total Ent	CX Rm	LD Rm	Par Rm	PF Rm	Total Rm	CX Jud	LD Jud	Par Jud	PF Jud	Total Jud
FRI 2:00	R1		R1		64		64		128	32	0	32	0	64	64	0	64	0	128
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SAT 6:15	R4	R4		R4	64	64		64	192	32	16	0	16	64	64	32	0	32	128
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SUN 11:15																			
SUN 1:00	Q	Q	Q	Q	8	8	8	8	32	4	4	4	4	16	12	12	12	12	48
SUN 2:45																			
SUN 3:15	S	S	S	S	4	4	4	4	16	2	2	2	2	8	10	10	10	10	40
SUN 5:00	F	F	F	F	2	2	2	2	8	1	1	1	1	4	5	5	5	5	20

Max Rooms Needed: 64
Max Judges Needed: 128