

**ARTICLE X: The State Tournament -- Individual Event Tabulation**

**Section 1. Rounds and Panels**

- A. There shall be eight sections or panels with three preliminary rounds for each individual event.
  - 1. Round one shall be drawn the day of the tournament.
  - 2. Round two and all succeeding rounds must be drawn after the results are recorded from the previous round.
  - 3. Contestants shall be changed from one panel to another to avoid paneling together the following in the precedence listed:
    - a. Contestants from the same school.
    - b. Contestants with the best ranks from the preceding round(s).
    - c. Contestants from the same League.
    - d. Contestants who have competed against each other in preceding rounds.
  
- B. Speaking order: Preliminary Rounds
  - 1. In preliminary rounds, speaking order should be varied. Each contestant should get an upper, middle, and lower speaking position.
    - a. Contestants from the same school should not have the same speaking position in various panels in the same event.
    - b. Contestants from the same League should not have the same speaking position in various panels of the same event.
    - c. Contestants from the same Area should not have the same speaking position in various panels of the same event.
  
- C. Speaking order: Semi-Final Round
  - 1. In the semi-final round, speaking position shall be determined by the cumulative total of previous positions, except when a contestant has not spoken in an upper, middle or lower position, in which case the contestant will be placed in the position missed.
    - a. Low cumulative scores speak last.
    - b. High cumulative scores speak first.
    - c. In the event of ties, blind draw shall be used to determine speaking position.
  
- D. Speaking order: Final Round
  - 1. In the final round, speaking position shall be determined by:
    - a. Whenever possible, avoidance of speaking in the same position a second time;
    - b. Using a blind draw.
  
- E. Postings
  - 1. As soon as the panels are set, a posting sheet shall be prepared in triplicate. The panels shall be designated "a", "b", etc. and the contestants' code designations shall be listed in each panel in proper speaking order.

2. One copy of the posting sheet shall be given to the Tabulation Chairperson for posting for contestants; one shall be given to the Judge Assignment Committee; and one shall remain at the Tabulation Table.

F. Ballots:

1. Three copies of ballots for each panel shall be prepared. Contestants shall be listed on the ballot in the same order as the postings, eliminating the League and school code letters.
2. The ballots shall be placed in envelopes marked with the event and room number and given to the Tabulation Chair who shall give them to the Judge Assignment Committee.

**Section 2. Tabulation of Results**

A. Score Sheets

1. While the round is in progress, a scoring sheet for each panel (different scoring sheets are used for semi-final and finals rounds) shall be prepared, listing the code numbers for each contestant in the panel in the proper speaking order.
2. When ballots come in, individual judges' decisions shall be recorded in the space provided, then the total of the three judges' decisions shall be computed and a rank given to each contestant, low cumulative score ranking first. Another person should check these results. The score sheet shall then be stapled to the ballots.
3. ***If a contestant speaks in a room in which s/he is not scheduled, that contestant's scores shall not count, and other scores shall be adjusted as if the 'extra' contestant never spoke in that round. That contestant shall be ranked last in the room in which he was originally scheduled to speak.***
4. ***If a contestant does not speak in the room in which he is scheduled, The tab room shall immediately attempt to contact the coach of the absent contestant. If it is discovered that the student spoke in the wrong room due to the error of a tournament official, the Tournament Director or his/her designee, in consultation with the appropriate tab room pit boss, has the authority to order additional adjustments to scores as warranted.***

B. Contestant Cards

1. While the round is in progress, the panel number and speaking order shall be recorded on the contestant cards.
2. From the score sheets at the conclusion of the round, the individual judges' decisions and the computed rank shall be placed in the space provided.
3. After the second round a running cumulative rank total shall be kept in the space provided.

**C. Tally Sheets**

1. The individual judges' decisions and the computed round rank for each contestant shall be recorded on the master tally sheet.
2. A copy of these sheets shall be posted after round three and again after the semi-final round.

**D. Computing rankings**

1. Whenever a judge has marked a contestant lower than fifth, such a rank shall be changed to fifth before tabulation begins. This adjustment shall not be made when tabulating ranks for the final round. However, after a sixth or seventh has been tabulated as a fifth and a tie occurs between contestants for a rank, the sixth and seventh shall be used to determine judges' preference.

Speaker	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Cum	Place
A	1	5	3	9	1st
B	3	5 (6)	1	9	2nd

2. In preliminary rounds, when ballots are returned to tab, if two or more judges indicate the same violation for a contestant, the tab room shall follow this procedure:
  - a. The panel shall be tabbed to determine the ranking of all contestants in the round.
  - b. After determining the contestant ranks, the contestant with a violation (two or more judges have indicated the violation) shall have his/her round rank lowered according to By-Law rules. This penalty shall be verified by an IE Pit Boss and the Tournament Director.
  - c. No other contestant in the round shall have his/her rank changed. For example, if the contestant with a violation placed SECOND in the round, his/her rank shall be changed to THIRD (if the violation calls for a lowering of one rank). The contestant who placed third originally shall keep the third ranking he/she earned; thus, there would be two third places in the panel.
3. In semifinal and final rounds, if any judge/judges indicates/indicate a violation for a contestant, the tab room shall follow this procedure:
  - a. The contestant with the violation shall have his/her rank lowered (according to By-Law rules) on the ballot of each judge who has indicated a violation. No other contestant's ranking by that judge shall be affected.
  - b. After adjusting the rank(s) for any violation(s) on the ballot(s) of the judge(s), the results of the round shall be recorded and computed.
  - c. ***During tabulation of individual events, if there are violations noted, with the exception of time violations, a good faith effort will be made by the pit boss and tournament director to contact the coach of***

*record prior to the next round of that event or prior to the awards in the case of the final round.*

**Section 3. Tie Breaking in a Preliminary Round**

A. Two-way ties shall be broken in preliminary rounds by the preferential system. In the following example, Speaker A is preferred by two of the three judges.

Speaker	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Cum	Place
A	1	3	2	6	1
B	2	1	3	6	2

B. Three- and four-way ties shall not be broken in any panel. Each contestant involved in a three- or four-way tie shall be awarded the better middle position for which the speakers are tied. For other contestants in the panel, the next position after the tie ranking shall be eliminated.

Speaker	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Cum	Place
A	1	2	3	6	2
B	2	3	1	6	2
C	3	1	2	6	2

**Section 4. Semi-Finalist Selection**

A. On a low cumulative basis, considering the ranks in preliminary rounds and not individual judges' ballots, the semi-finalists shall be composed of the top eighteen contestants divided into three panels of six each.

B. If ties in cumulative scores bring the total to over eighteen, the following shall be considered in order of precedence listed to arrive at the eighteen contestants.

1. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in round ranks.
2. All individual judges' decisions on a low cumulative basis.
3. Greatest number of individual judges' firsts, seconds, etc. in all preliminary rounds.
4. If speakers are still tied and have met in a preliminary round, the tie shall be resolved based on the better rank in that round.
5. If ties cannot be resolved by the above methods, those tied shall advance to the semi-final round.

**Section 5. Finalist Selection**

A. The final round shall be composed of the top seven contestants selected on a low cumulative basis, adding in the round rankings from the preliminary rounds to the total of all individual judges' decisions in the semifinal round.

B. If ties bring the number to over seven, the following shall be considered in order of precedence to resolve ties:

1. Rank in semi-final round only, speakers tied need not have been in the same panel.
2. Judges' preference in the semi-final round, both speakers in the same panel.
3. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in the semi-final round.
4. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in round ranks of all rounds including the semi- final round.
5. All individual judges' decisions from all rounds on a low cumulative basis.
6. Greater number of firsts, seconds, etc. awarded by individual judges in all rounds.
7. If speakers are still tied and have met in a previous preliminary round, resolve the tied based on the better rank in that round.

**Section 6. Final Score**

- A. The winner in each event shall be determined on the basis of low total cumulative score, counting the rankings of the three preliminary rounds, and each judge's decision equally in the semi-final and final rounds. In final rounds only, judge rankings of 6 and 7 shall be counted as 6 and 7, respectively.

Speaker	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	SF Judges	Final Judges	Cum	Place
A	1	2	1	3/2/1	1/2/2/3/1	19	1st
B	2	1	1	3/3/1	2/4/5/1/2	26	2nd

- B. If ties exist, the following shall be considered in order of precedence listed to resolve ties:
1. Rank in final round only.
  2. Judges' preference in final round only.
  3. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in final round only.
  4. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. in round rankings for all rounds.
  5. Greatest number of firsts, seconds, etc. from all judges in all rounds.
- C. If ties still exist, duplicate awards shall be given to the tied contestants.

**Section 7. Errors**

- A. Individual judge's ballots without signatures shall be made accessible to coaches after round two and each succeeding round through the final round. The purpose of the posting is to allow coaches to check for errors in recording results.
- B. The results of preliminary and semi-final rounds shall be posted in an area designated only for coaches. The purpose of the posting is to allow coaches to check for errors in tabulation.
- C. Any error shall be immediately reported by the coach of the contestant or contestants concerned to the appropriate Area Chairperson or persons designated to receive such reports. Such notification shall be done prior to the

start of the subsequent round of the event in order that any errors may be rectified.

- D. Inadvertent clerical errors in tabulation shall not void the contest. If errors occur and can be corrected before the next round begins, this correction shall be made. If, however, correction of an inadvertent clerical error would force the rerunning of any round or rounds, the correction shall not be made. In cases of uncorrectable errors, the President shall be authorized to make appropriate apologies.
- E. A round shall not be rerun due to timing errors which occur during the rounds.