

Agenda, NPDA Business Meeting, March 2010

## Reports

Officers/Appointees (announcements not already on-line) Host Report for 2010 --Joe Gantt

Site Committee --Skip Rutledge, Pt. Loma

Other Committees --Chairs Reporting

Other Announcements

Report from Joe Gantt and Marlin Bates on Committed item related to Two Divisions at NPDA National Tournament.

## Old Business

### New Business

1) Change to Elimination Round Rules – Jim Hanson (Whitman)

## Adjournment

Proposal Text

### CURRENT

NPDA By-Laws, Section III.

L. Tournaments may hold as many elimination rounds as is desired, but only elimination rounds meeting the following specifications will be counted toward National Parliamentary Debate Association Sweepstakes:

1. For semi-finals, there must be a field of 8 teams in the division;
2. For quarterfinals, there must be a field of 15 teams in the division;
3. For octa-finals, there must be a field of 29 teams in the division;
4. For double-octa-finals, there must be a field of 58 teams in the division;
5. For double-double-octafinals, there must be a field of 115 teams in the division.

### CHANGE TO

NPDA By-Laws, Section III.

L. Tournaments may hold as many elimination rounds as is desired, but NPDA Sweepstakes points are counted only for the first two elimination rounds where:

- 1) the number of teams competing is half (rounded down) or less of teams competing in preliminary rounds and these teams have at least 50% win-loss records including byes (e.g. For a division with 37 teams competing, points would be counted for the first elimination round with 18 or fewer teams who each have 3-3 or better records).
- 2) all of the teams competing have a better than 50% win-loss record including byes (e.g. For a division with 30 teams competing with 16 3-2 and better teams, points would be counted for the first elimination round with 16 or less of the 3-2 teams).

RATIONALE:

1. The current break to elimination rules are a hold over from copying the CEDFA Constitution long ago when partial elimination rounds were rarely used (if at all).
2. The current break to elimination rules allow points for teams with losing records who advance to elimination rounds (2-3 team that is 8th seed out of 15 teams) and also allow points for teams seeded in the lower half of teams who advance to elimination rounds (eg 3-3 team that is 16th seed out of 29 teams).
3. At the same time, the rules do not count points for teams that advance to elimination rounds who may have 3-1 and 4-2 records (for example, when a 17th seed advances at a tournament with 57 teams).
4. These new rules provide a consistent way for tournaments to advance teams. Top half of teams with at least 50% win-loss record (or over 50% win-loss record).