

ACTAA Online Regionals Congressional Debate

Judges and Parlis:

- 1) Access your ballot by logging into tabroom.com and access the “rooms” through NSDA campus.
- 2) If there are problems (no-show students/judges, etc.) or questions, please contact the helpline on the NSDA campus page.
- 3) Please log in and arrive at your “room” no later than 15 minutes before the start of the round to do a technology check and help others. Check tabroom for the schedule.
- 4) Recognize the different types of speeches in a congressional debate round.
 - Authorships/Sponsorships - This is the constructive speech that establishes the framework for the round.
 - Extensions - This is a speech that extends previous arguments but does not repeat prior verbatim. Instead, this speech presents new information/evidence/reasoning.
 - Rebuttals - This is a refutation speech that provides clear clash (with evidence and reasoning) and is not just name dropping opposing competitors.
 - Crystallization - These are typically the last speeches given in a round where the competitor sums up the debate and shows why the side they are supporting wins the arguments.
- 5) Recognize that the competitor elected as Presiding Officer has given up their chance to speak in the round and should be scored based on their performance as PO. They should receive one score for every hour that they preside. Also, remember that you should consider ranking the PO in your final ranks if they did a good job running the chamber.
- 6) Please provide comments on all ballots. Please remember that the students and coaches are looking for constructive comments on how to improve their performance.
- 7) Judges, you will rank your top 8 legislators from 1-8 with 1 being the best. Leave the others blank. There are no ties in ranking.
- 8) You should remain on camera for the entire session, unless your chamber is on a break.

Parliamentarians:

- 1) At the start of each session, open nominations for Presiding Officer Candidates. Even if the chamber has discussed this beforehand, we want all students to have the chance to run for PO if they choose to do so. If you have multiple Presiding Officer Candidates, go to www.strawpoll.me. Type in “PO Election” for the question and the names of the candidates in

the poll options and select "Create Poll." Share the link in the room chat. Once students have voted, check the results. If you do not have a majority and need to conduct more ballots, create another strawpoll.

2) Please check with your scorers to make sure they are providing speech scores for the Presiding Officer. Each PO should receive a score for every hour that they preside.

3) At the start of your final session as parli, you will receive your ballot that allows you to rank all of the students in the round. There can be no ties in the ranking. This is a holistic ranking from all of the rounds you served as parli for a particular chamber. Please remember to provide comments to the competitors as well.