

## How Tabroom Flips Work in Public Forum Debate

Doing actual coin flips in online rooms is unwieldy at best, so Tabroom now has an online coinflip management system. You will need to have an active Tabroom account linked to your Tabroom student/competitor record, or access to your school account as an administrator.

2 minutes or so after the pairings for each round is released, the two entries (and their coaches) will receive a text notification of which team was randomly selected as the coin flip winner. They can log into Tabroom and there will be a link to the flip screen from the "current panels" for competitors or the dashboard for coaches. The link will also be sent in the blast email (though NOT the text; texts cannot contain links or some providers will drop them as spam.)

There the flip winner will have 5 minutes to select whether they want to be pro/con OR 1st/2nd speaker. Once they choose, the other team will be texted and can go to the same screen via the same links to make the other choice. Once that choice is made, both teams will be able to see which side/speaker position they are in on that flip screen, and they will also get a text/email blast.

If the flip winner does not choose within 5 minutes, the loser then has 5 minutes to make a selection. If they also do not choose then anyone will be able to choose, first come first served, for five minutes. If nobody chooses by the end of that period Tabroom will randomly select who speaks on which side in which position.

Flight B flips will happen 60 minutes after flight A flips.

Judges' online ballots will automatically be adjusted to reflect the side and speaker positions once the flip is complete; if they are incorrect because the judge opened it before the flip, just ask the judge to refresh the ballot before contacting Tab staff.