

How Tabroom Flips Work in LD/Policy Debate Elims

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 until the deadline listed to select their side. If they choose, everyone will be notified in a 2nd text. If they do not choose before the deadline is up, then the loser will have a time of the same length to choose. If they also do not choose, then anyone can choose for the same deadline period, first come first served. If still nobody has chosen a side, the computer will randomly select a side.

If you are in a sidelocked debate elim then the computer will indicate the flip is "done" from the start of the process and no choices need to be made.