How to be a Parliamentarian

Online Nationals 2021

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How do I access my chamber?

- If you've made it here, you can access your chamber.

- Tomorrow, you'll receive your chamber assignment through Tabroom.com.

- Go to the Congress Wing (CON) and find your room. You should also be able to get to the room through Tabroom.com once you've logged into the competition website. Competition.speechanddebate.org

- Choose the Zoom App function. Use Gallery View.

- If you're not assigned for Session 0, go to the Congress Judging Pool Room.

What will my chamber look like?

Session 0

- Arrive at 11:00 am Central Time.

- A tab member will be in and out taking attendance and checking on your room. They should make you the host of the room.

- They will give you a link to a Google Form: This contains your agenda report, the Voting Election Records and important links (i.e. PO Advancement Form, parliamentarian guide.

- Do tech checks with the students. Can you hear and see them? Can they hear and see you? If there are issues, ask the tab staff first.

- When everyone is there and ready, deliver the Oath of Office at 11:30 am. This is included in your Parliamentarian Guide.

- Run the PO election for Session 1 only.

- The PO can lead the chamber through the Agenda setting process for the entire prelim segment.

- Once that's over, you can dismiss your chamber until 1:30. Session 1 starts at 2:00.

PO elections

- If the PO is unopposed, you do not need an election...but you do need to fill out the Election record.

- Open the appropriate tab in the Google Sheet and write the name of the PO with "unopposed" in Vote #1.

- If you do have a contested election, go to www.strawpoll.me

- Run an election. If you need runoffs, great. Your election must have a majority decision.

- Fill out the Election record for each vote.

The Voting Election Record

Chamber Voting/ Election Record

Chamber: ☐ Senate ☐ House #: 6 Session: 2 Date: June 14, 2010 Type: ☑ Single Ballot

Election for: Presiding Officer

Instructions: Enter the tally for each vote taken; each column's total must equal the number of ballots.

Candidate Names (list in alphabetical order by last name)	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
Jackson, Andrew	2	2	3									
Jefferson, Thomas	3	3	—	3	3							
Lincoln, Abraham	5	5	—	7	7	7	12					
Roosevelt, Franklin	4	4	—	4	6	6						
Roosevelt, Theodore	2	2	19	2								
Wilson, Woodrow	1											
Washington, George	5	6	—	6	6	9	10					
Total (should be equal to # of ballots)	22	22	22	22	22	22	22					

Wilson was dropped for having the fewest votes, and the chamber voted again (election #2).

Note the runoff vote in this example between Jackson and T. Roosevelt, because they were tied with two ballots apiece, which is more than the next highest vote-getter.

(there are 22 students)

SAMPLE

Session 1

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- Sessions 2 and 3 start with the PO election. Do not elect a PO at the end of a session or elect multiple POs at once.

Parliamentarian Ballot: Please

Precedence	Code	Name
1	R111	Connor Melton
2	R125	Danina Castro
3	R288	Jessica Chang
4	R567	Garrett Schroeder
5	R248	Olivia Curtis
6	R370	Scout Holding Eagle- Bushaw
7	R328	Ethan Soe
8	R539	Evander Davis
9	R208	Curtis James
10	R106	Jefrin Jojan
11	R372	Emily Ney

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At the end of Session 3

- You will have your ballot ready to fill out…first through last.

- The students will log into their Tabroom.com accounts. They will find a Leadership ballot waiting.

- They should fill out their top 5 best legislators (yes, they may include themselves if they choose).

What else is different?

- Everything and nothing.

- We need the scorers to provide the PO with 2 speech scores. Please help us in getting them to do this.

- They should consider the PO when ranking. So should you.

- Practices which have holistically developed:
  - Placard raising for seeking recognition. Using the hand raise function in Zoom might not be noticeable.
  - Points of privilege handled through the chat.
  - Amendments submitted through the chat.
  - Time cards or hand signals for speech times.
  - Recency forms shared through Google Drive and available to everyone.

Questions?