

# Peninsula Invitational 2022

## Congressional Debate Scorer and Parliamentarian Instructions

### **For Everyone:**

- 1) All judges need to have a linked Tabroom account and be prepared for online ballot entry and NSDA Campus. Google Chrome is the only web browser that works with both, and everyone should check their settings to make sure that campus.speechanddebate.org has permission to access their camera and microphone. You can check this by visiting campus.speechanddebate.org and using one of the test rooms. PLEASE TEST YOUR TECHNOLOGY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.
- 2) If there are problems (no-show students/judges, etc.) or questions, please use the Help Ticket system to contact Tab. If you don't get a response, call or text the special Congress Help Phone at **(480) 594-2507**.
- 3) Please log in and arrive at your "room" no later than 20 minutes before the start of the round to do a technology check and help others. Check the postings for start times. If you do not get a text, check Tabroom anyway to make sure you do not have a ballot.
- 4) We are all influenced by implicit bias, or the stereotypes that unconsciously affect our decisions. When judging, our implicit biases negatively impact students who are traditionally marginalized and disenfranchised. Before writing comments or making a decision, please take a moment to reflect on any biases that may impact your decision-making process.
- 5) Recognize and stress the importance of all types of speeches which make this a Debate. Authorships/Sponsorships (the constructive which sets the ground of the debate); Extensions (not repeating prior points verbatim but providing new information/evidence/logical reasoning); Rebuttals (not just listing names of opposing representatives but providing substantive clash and reasoning as to your argument); Crystallization (the "Final Focus" which isolates key voting issues to explain why passage/failure is necessary).
- 6) Each session should include close to 2 hours of debate. The top three students from each chamber will advance to the final round.

### **For Scorers:**

- 7) When you log into Tabroom to get your ballot, press "Start Round" to confirm that you have the ballot and proceed to the room for tech checks.
- 8) Please provide comments and reasons-for-decision on all ballots. Please remember that the students and coaches are looking for constructive comments on how to improve

their performance. Write your comments and provide speech scores in Tabroom as you listen. Do not wait until the end of the session to enter points and comments.

- 9) Each Presiding Officer should receive 2 scores for their session. Please make sure you consider the PO when ranking. The system will not allow you to enter rankings until PO points are submitted.
- 10) You will rank your top 8 legislators. Leave the others blank. There are no ties in ranking.

### **For Parliamentarians:**

- 11) At the start of each session, hold an open nomination for Presiding Officer. Even if your chamber plans out the PO selection prior to the tournament, we want all students to have the chance to run for PO if they choose. Open the floor for nomination and accept all nominees.
- 12) If you have multiple Presiding Officer Candidates, go to [www.strawpoll.com](http://www.strawpoll.com). Type in the names of the candidates 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. We will not have a specific voting record to complete and submit to tab, but please keep track of the votes in case a question arises.
- 13) When the PO has been elected, they should lead the process for agenda setting. Each session has specific legislation assigned. Your job is to monitor the chamber and make sure rules are followed. If you have any questions, contact the Congress Help Phone at **(480) 594-2507**.
- 14) Please check with your scorers to make sure they are providing speech scores for the Presiding Officer. Each PO should receive 2 scores for their time presiding.
- 15) If a round must be paused because of a technological failure, please submit a Help Ticket or text the Congress Phone. If the stoppage is significant enough to impact the ability of students to speak, we will adjust the schedule accordingly.
- 16) If there is suspicion of a rules violation, please check with us before ranking a student on the basis of the violation.

Thank you all so much for your hard work in making the Peninsula Invitational such a wonderful tournament!