

Clarification of Questioning Methods and Times

FAQ: "Why are we doing it this confusing way with different times and methods for the speakers and rounds?"

A: Because CHSSA started transitioning to direct questioning and is making the change incremental. These are the rules from the CHSSA State Tournament in 2021. They may actually change again for State 2022.

Round 1 & 2 all indirect questioning (paparazzi)

- 1st aff – 2 min indirect
- 1st neg and all others – 1 min indirect

Round 3 first person is indirect, all others direct.

- 1st aff – 2 min indirect
- 1st neg and all others – 1 min direct (2 questioners; 30 sec. each)

Starting the Round

"Do we have any motions on the floor"?

[Someone will need to make a motion to open debate on the bill that has been selected by the tournament for the round]

"Is there a second"?

"All in favor of opening debate on _____ indicate by raising electronic hand."

"The privilege of authorship and the first affirmative speech goes to a representative from the school that sponsored the motion. Do we have anyone from _____ that would like to author the motion and speak first"? [If yes, recognize that person to speak. If not, offer anyone the opportunity]

More Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ: "What if no one wants to speak on one of the sides?"

A: Remind them that everyone should have been prepared to debate either side. Remind them that it is a timed event and the round will have to end even if not everyone has spoken. Remind them that there may be enough time for a few 2nd speeches, but we risk running out of time. Then recognized the least recent speaker who wished to speak again. Don't allow back-to-back speeches on the same side."

FAQ: "Can we allow a division of the house to determine how many people are on each side?"

A: No. That motion would be "out of order". Division of the house is only allowed to confirm a voice vote.

FAQ: "What do I do if a strange situation comes up and I don't know how to handle it?"

A: Keep the round going and moving if possible. You might send the other PO to the main zoom room to ask for help from a tournament official.