

Citrus Belt Speech Region

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Revised: August 22, 2025

2025-2026 League Officers:

President, Kenneth Park – Pomona Catholic High School
[July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2027]

Vice President of Speech & Interpretation Events, Lea Mulan Clark – Los Osos High School
[July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026]

Vice President of Debate & Congress, Lee Graves – Santiago High School
[July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026]

Treasurer, David Chamberlain – Claremont High School
[July 1, 2024 to July 1, 2026]

Secretary, Judy Flores – Chaffey High School
[July 1, 2025 to July 1, 2026]

TABLE OF CONTENTS

CBSR CONSTITUTION	3
CBSR BY-LAWS	5
PART I: MEMBERSHIP & ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE	5
MEMBERSHIP	5
Eligibility	5
Coach of Record	5
Joining CHSSA	5
ELECTIONS	6
Duties of Officers	6
Stipends for Officers	6
MEETINGS	6
DUES / FEES / STIPENDS	7
Yearly Dues	7
Hosting Stipends	7
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES	7
PART II: LEAGUE TOURNAMENT OPERATION	8
TYPES OF TOURNAMENTS	8
COMPETITIVE DIVISIONS	8
TEAM DEBATE & CONGRESS TOURNAMENTS	9
INDIVIDUAL EVENTS & LD TOURNAMENTS	9
AWARDS	11
JUDGES	11
PART III: LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS	
GENERAL PROCEDURES	12
Approval of Dates	12
Judge Qualification	12
CONGRESS CHAMPIONSHIP	12
Bills	12
Entry Limits	12
Chamber Size	12
Tabulation	13
Presiding Officers	14
Time Limits	14
SPEECH and INTERPRETATION CHAMPIONSHIP	15
Entry Limits	15
Judge Requirements	15
Tabulation	15
DEBATE CHAMPIONSHIP	17
Schedule	17
Entry Limits	17
Tabulation	17
SWEEPSTAKES	20
MEMORIAL AWARDS	21
QUALIFYING TO THE CHSSA STATE TOURNAMENT	22
APPENDIX	
#1- DEBATE QUALIFIER ELIMINATION BRACKET	23
#2 - NEWBOLD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION	24
#3 – DANCE SHEET FORMAT.....	26

C.B.S.R. CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I -- NAME

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Citrus Belt Speech Region.

ARTICLE II -- PURPOSE

Section 1. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the development and continuation of educationally sound speech curricula in the high schools of the Region, and to promote co-curricular activities as laboratory experiences.

ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership of schools shall be accepted upon completion of application by the principal and by the payment of dues and assessments as prescribed in the by-laws.

Section 2. Student participation is limited to grades 9 through 12.

ARTICLE IV -- LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Section 1. The Legislative Assembly shall consist of the membership of the Region, meeting as a committee of the whole.

Section 2. Each member school shall have one vote within the Legislative Assembly. The principal or their proxy casts this vote.

Section 3. The Legislative Assembly shall have the power to ratify or veto any action of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V -- REGION OFFICERS

Section 1. The Region Officers shall consist of a President, a Vice-President of Debate Events, a Vice-President of Speech/Interpretation Events, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

Section 2. The method of election and procedures of Region Officers shall be prescribed in the by-laws.

Section 3. The President shall be the official delegate of the Citrus Belt Speech Region to the California High School Speech Association.

ARTICLE VI -- EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the Region Officers.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to propose rules and regulations for the CBSR with the approval of the Legislative Assembly. The Executive Board shall also supervise financial matters.

ARTICLE VII -- BY-LAWS

Section 1. The by-laws shall govern the procedure for all CBSR tournaments. All CHSSA rules apply at all tournaments except when specified otherwise within the by-laws.

Section 2. By-laws shall be adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

Section 3. By-laws may be changed or enacted by a majority vote of the Legislative assembly provided the following:

- a. The meeting of the Legislative Assembly was announced to all CBSR members at least four weeks prior to its occurrence.
- b. The Legislative Assembly has a quorum (at least a majority of the CBSR membership).
- c. The changes in by-laws must be sent to all member schools within four weeks of their passage.

ARTICLE VIII -- AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the President at least four weeks prior to a scheduled meeting of the Legislative Assembly, and copies shall be distributed to the entire membership at least one week prior to said meeting.

Section 2. Amendments shall be approved by a two-thirds vote of the Legislative Assembly.

date

President

VP – Debate

VP – Speech

Treasurer

Secretary

C.B.S.R. BY - LAWS

PART I: MEMBERSHIP and ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Schools shall be eligible for membership in the Citrus Belt Speech Region (CBSR) if they are in Riverside County, San Bernardino County, or those areas of Los Angeles County within the physical boundaries of the Bonita, Claremont, and Pomona School Districts. (5/2015)

Section 2. Applications for membership shall consist of: (updated 9/1/23)

- a. Payment of dues and completion of the *League Dues Assessment Form*.
- b. Name, email address, and phone number of the coach of record.
- c. Properly filled-out *Principal's Designation Letter* with the signature of the principal or their proxy.
- d. Membership shall be renewed annually.

Section 3: Each CBSR School must designate a *Coach of Record* who will be responsible for:

- a. Correspondence with CBSR and CHSSA, and attending CBSR meetings
- b. Financial obligations of their team
- c. Registration for all CBSR tournaments
- d. Supervision and safety of their team at CBSR events
- e. Registration for the CHSSA State tournament
- f. Supervision of his or her team at CHSSA events
- g. Ensuring that all their team's students, judges, and assistant coaches comply with CBSR rules and standards of appropriate behavior at CBSR and CHSSA events.

(9/18)

Section 4: The *Coach of Record* shall be formally established by submission of the "*Principal's Designation Letter*" which shall be submitted to the league president prior to participation in a team's first tournament. A person may only be coach of record for a single school. Assistant coaches or parents authorized by the school administration to assume the duties of the *Coach of Record* in their absence may be submitted with the original *Principal's Designation Letter*, or on a separate document. (9/18)

Section 5. CBSR Schools are required to join the California High School Speech Association. Schools that fail to pay CHSSA dues at least two weeks prior to the League Championship Tournament are not eligible to compete at the League Championship or the State Tournament.

ARTICLE II: ELECTION AND PROCEDURES FOR REGIONAL OFFICERS

Section 1. The regional officers shall be chosen at a meeting of the Legislative Assembly to be held after the state tournament and before May 16th. ^(5/24) Their terms of office shall commence the following July 1.

Section 2. The terms of office for President and Treasurer shall be two consecutive years. The President shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Treasurer shall be elected in even numbered years. ^(5/24)

Section 3. The Secretary shall be elected every year. The Vice-Presidents shall be elected every year. ^(5/24)

Section 4. Vacancies in Regional offices shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee to be ratified or rejected at the next scheduled meeting of the Legislative Assembly.

Section 5. The duties of officers shall be as follows:

- a. The President shall be the chief administrator of all CBSR tournaments, shall represent the CBSR at all meetings of the California State Speech Council, and shall preside at all CBSR meetings. The President shall supervise the approval of scripts for entry at the State Tournament, report the league's entry and alternates to the CHSSA Director of Activities, and coordinate the notification of alternates.
- b. The Vice-President(s) shall perform duties as assigned by the President, and shall succeed to the office of President in case of a vacancy.
- c. The Treasurer shall collect and disburse all CBSR finances and shall arrange for all awards.
- d. The Secretary shall take minutes of all Legislative Assembly meetings and shall distribute them to all members within four weeks.

Section 6. The President shall receive a yearly stipend of \$300, the Vice-Presidents shall receive a yearly stipend of \$200 each, and the Treasurer shall receive a yearly stipend of \$150. Stipends shall be paid upon successful completion of duties at the spring coaches meeting.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section 1. The CBSR shall have two scheduled Legislative Assembly meetings each year, in the fall and spring. Other meetings may be scheduled upon the call of the President.

Section 2. A petition of 25% of the member schools shall make it mandatory for the President to call a meeting of the Legislative Assembly.

Section 3. All Legislative Assembly meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE IV: DUES, FEES, and STIPENDS

Section 1. First year schools may elect to join at a fee of \$200.^(5/23) Payment of this fee entitles a school to attend all CBSR tournaments as a full member.

Section 2. All other schools will pay dues according to the following:

- a. A base fee of \$500 per school. ^(5/23)
- b. An additional fee of \$1.00 per NSDA member and degree (chapter strength) on record as of June 30 of the previous school year. ^(5/15)
- c. Non-NSDA schools or schools with fewer than ten NSDA degrees will pay a minimum of \$10 in addition to the base fee. ^(5/15)
- d. Any league school that has not paid its annual dues to the League Treasure by Jan. 1 will be assessed a \$100 late fee and that school will be unable to compete at any league events until all dues are paid in full.
- e. The Treasurer will earmark \$500 each year to savings for the Newbold Scholarship.
- f. Member schools will pay a \$1.00 per entry fee for each entry in the qualifying tournaments. These fees may be paid to the Treasurer at any qualifying tournament, or the schools may elect to have their entry fees added to their annual dues allocation in the subsequent year. These fees are to be earmarked by the Treasurer for League scholarships. ^(5/23)

Section 3. No CBSR school may participate in the league championship tournaments unless it has paid the appropriate dues with the California High School Speech Association and is a member of good standing of that association.

Section 4. The league treasurer shall pay a hosting stipend of \$300, payable on the day of the tournament, to schools hosting league practice tournaments and the congress qualifier. A stipend of \$400 shall be paid to the school hosting the debate qualifier, and a stipend of \$600 (\$300 per day) shall be paid to the school hosting the speech qualifier. ^(9/22)

ARTICLE V: BY-LAWS AND GRIEVANCES

Section 1. The CBSR by-laws shall be binding on all member schools.

Section 2. Interpretation of the by-laws shall rest first with the President, then with the Executive Committee, and finally with the Legislative Assembly.

Section 3. No decision by the President or Executive Committee shall contravene the intent of any rule or by-law.

Section 4. Any member school with a grievance may proceed as follows:

- a. File an immediate written protest with the President.
- b. If the school wishes, it may appeal the President's decision to the Executive Committee. The President shall convene the Executive Committee on demand from any member school.

PART II: CBSR LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

ARTICLE I: OPERATION OF REGULAR LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS *(this part revised 9/1/2023)*

Section 1. Tournament Types: CBSR will host up to six tournaments prior to the League Championship Tournaments. Three tournaments shall be designated as “Team Debate and Congress” (Team Debate), three shall be designated as “Individual Events and Lincoln Douglas Debate” (IE & LD). Tournament types should alternate, beginning with Team Debate.

Section 2. Competitive Divisions: CBSR tournaments held prior to January shall have two competitive divisions: Novice and Open. The executive board may, at its discretion, eliminate the novice division at a tournament if there is a compelling reason to do so.

2.1 In speech events, interpretation events, and congress, students may compete in the novice division in their first school year of competition only.

2.2 In debate events students may compete in the novice division if they are first-year competitors; second year competitors who have never competed in any debate event; or are second-year competitors with very limited experience, fewer than three total wins in debate, and are considered by their coach to be on-par with the average first-year competitor.

2.3 In all partner events both competitors must qualify as “Novice” in order to compete in the novice division.

2.4 A first-year competitor may choose to compete in the Open Division of an event without losing their eligibility to compete in the Novice Division of another event at that or any later tournament.

ARTICLE II: TEAM DEBATE AND CONGRESS TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

Section 1. Congress Procedures: Congress shall be conducted using the rules for the State Qualifying Student Congress, with the following exceptions:

- 1) Students will debate one bill/resolution per round.
- 2) Procedures may be modified by the executive committee to match the realities of tournament scheduling.

Section 2. Round 1 of all Team Debate events shall be randomly paired using Tabroom.com. All subsequent rounds shall be power matched to the extent that is possible. Power matching ought to be altered to avoid debaters from the same school being paired against each other or to avoid a debater going three rounds on the same side.

2.1 If a school has more than half the entries in an event, teams from the same school will be paired against each other. A round 1 bye should be drawn from that school. In subsequent rounds the coach of the team will have the option to allow the debate or to choose a walk-over.

Section 3. The expectation is that four rounds of debate will be offered. After the final round teams shall be ranked first by win-loss record, and then by total speaker points.

Section 4. It is the intention of the league to follow existing CHSSA rules for debate.

ARTICLE III: INDIVIDUAL EVENTS AND LD DEBATE TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

(this part revised 9/1/2023)

Section 1. Speech/Interpretation event Procedures: IE&LD tournaments shall offer thirteen events, grouped into "A" and "B" events and coded as follows. Students may enter one event from each group unless tournament logistics require single-entry.

Group "A"

Original Oratory (OO)
Impromptu (IMP)
Original Prose and Poetry (OPP)
Program Oral Interpretation (POI)
Humorous Interpretation (HI)
Lincoln Douglas Debate (LD)
[National Extemporaneous (NX)]*

Group "B"

Extemporaneous (EXT)
Original Advocacy (OA)
Informative (INF)
Dramatic Interpretation (DI)
Declamation (DEC)
Duo Interpretation (DUO)
[International Extemporaneous (IX)]*

*At regular league tournaments Extemporaneous Speaking is a single event with both international and domestic questions. At the CBSR League Championship NX and IX are separate events.

Sections 2: Rounds 1 and 2 of each event will be randomly paneled using Tabroom.com with a school not meeting itself more often than necessary. Panels shall be no larger than seven competitors. The President and the Vice President of Speech/Interp shall determine the size of each panel. The President shall have the authority to combine events or collapse the Novice and Open division when there are fewer than seven entries in an event.

Section 3: Round three will be a “hidden finals”. The competitors with the lowest cumulative scores from rounds 1 and 2 shall be paneled together and designated as the “finals”. Other competitors will also have a third round.

Section 4. It is the intention of the league to follow existing CHSSA rules for individual events.

Section 4: Judges shall rank all competitors in the round, 1 through 7. Ranks worse than 4 shall be recorded as 4. The tab room shall enter and record ranks so that no student is given a ranking worse than the number of students in the smallest panel in that event. **If there is panel 4 and a panel of 3, no score worse than 3 would be recorded.* Tiebreaking and final winners shall be determined by the following, in this order:

1. Total cumulative score, all rounds.
2. The final round score itself.
3. If there were three judges in the finals, by judges' preference.
4. The greatest number of firsts, all rounds.
5. The greatest number of seconds, all rounds.

Section 5 Lincoln-Douglas Debate will have three rounds of competition in Pattern A. The Executive Committee may offer a fourth round if the realities of the tournament permit. Lincoln-Douglas debate will follow the pairing and tabulation procedures for team debate outlined in Part VII. Sections 2, 3, 4.

ARTICLE IV: AWARDS FOR REGULAR LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. The executive board will select trophies or plaques, as appropriate, for the Open Division of each event, and medals or other awards, as appropriate, for the Novice division. (9/15)

Section 2. Number of awards presented: (9/15)

Speech and Interpretation Events

8 or more entries in the first round = 1st, 2nd, 3rd

4 to 7 entries in the first round = 1st, 2nd

3 or less in the first round = 1st

Debate Events

12 or more entries in the first round = 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th

4 to 11 entries in the first round = 1st, 2nd, 3rd

3 or less in the first round = 1st

Congress

Two or more houses in each division = 1st, 2nd, 3rd, + Finalist medals for others in the powerhouse.

Only one house in each division = 1st, 2nd, 3rd, + Finalist medals to 8th place

Section 3. At regular league debate tournaments, ranking shall be determined by: (9/15)

1) Win/loss record. 2) Total speaker points. 3) Total speaker points when high and low scores are dropped. The intention being to match Tabroom.com software rankings. (5/16)

Section 4. At regular league tournaments, medals (or other suitable awards) shall be given to the top three speakers in each division of teamed debate events. The top three shall be determined by:

1) Speaker point total. 2) Speaker point total when high and low scores are dropped. (5/14)

ARTICLE V: JUDGES

Section 1. Each school shall bring one judge for every six individual events entries or fraction thereof, one judge for every two Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary, and Public Forum debate entries or fraction thereof, and one judge for every two debate teams or fraction thereof. This rule applies to all schools, all tournaments.

Section 2. The following may be used to alleviate an inadequate number of judges on the part of any school during any CBSR tournament:

- a. extra judges from other schools
- b. coaches and tab personnel will be used
- c. varsity students may be used as appropriate
- d. larger panels will be used (not to exceed 8)

When these and any other reasonable options have been exhausted, the coach from the school "short" judges will be asked to reduce entries until the tournament can be run adequately. The coach may shift entries between events. All names dropped will be at the coach's discretion.

PART III: CBSR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

ARTICLE I: GENERAL PROCEDURES ALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS

Section 1. CBSR will host three separate championship tournaments:

- 1) Student Congress
- 2) Debate Events
- 3) Speech and Interpretation Events

Section 2. The Legislative Assembly shall set and approve the dates and locations for these events at the Fall meeting.

Section 3. JUDGES. Any judge provided or hired for any League Championship event must be more than one year out of high school. Exception: For Team and Lincoln-Douglas Debate only the Region may invite judges who are in their first year out of high school, provided that each coach has an opportunity to strike such judges for their teams in each round in which they are used.

ARTICLE II: CBSR STUDENT CONGRESS CHAMPIONSHIP *(5/16)*

Section 1. Congress requires four bills and/or resolutions for debate, which may be submitted by member schools. Enough lead time must be provided to allow each school at least two weeks preparation on the bills and resolutions to be used. *(9/17)*

Section 2. Each CBSR member school may enter up to 12 congresspersons. Each school with entries in congress should provide one qualified student as a Presiding Officer. The President may require a school to change a student entry from Congress to Presiding Officer if needed. The ideal number of Presiding Officers is double the number of chambers. The President will permit schools to enter a second or third Presiding Officer if needed, with priority given to the most qualified candidates, to reach the desired number of Presiding Officers. *(updated 9/1/23)*

Section 3. Each school is to list its entry in order of strength, best first.

Section 4. The congress is comprised of houses all of equal prestige and size. There is no "senate" or "novice house." The number of houses in the congress is determined by the total number of students actually ready to debate when the congress convenes, according to the following table:

under 21	one house	
21 - 36	two houses	
37 - 54	three houses	
55 - 72	four houses	
73 - 90	five houses	
91 - 108	six houses	etc.

Section 5. Each house has equal (or nearly equal) numbers. Also, each house has an equal (or nearly equal) number of #1 seeds, #2 seeds, etc. The entry from each individual school is spread out so as to have equal representation, as nearly as possible, in each house, with the school's seeded entries separated as much as possible.

Section 6. Each house holds two preliminary sessions; three judges for each session. The ballots of the adult judges each list nine "best" competitors with all others being given 10's.

Section 7. Judges are rotated, changing every session. Each school is responsible for bringing one judge for every six entries or fraction thereof (in accordance with CBSR guidelines for judges at state qualifying tournaments). Any necessary additional judges are to be hired by the league. The President is responsible for anticipating such needs.

Section 8. After two preliminary sessions the lowest cumulative scores from each chamber will advance to the final or semi-final house. There shall be fifteen competitors in each chamber. The advancing competitors shall be selected in the following manner:

- If there are **three** preliminary chambers: The five lowest cumulative scores from each chamber advance to the final chamber.
- If there are **four** preliminary chambers: The three lowest cumulative scores from each chamber, plus the next 3 lowest cumulative scores from among the remaining competitors from all chambers advance to the final chamber.
- If there are **five** preliminary chambers: The three lowest cumulative scores from each advance to the final chamber.
- If there are **six** preliminary chambers: The two lowest cumulative scores from each chamber, plus the next 3 lowest cumulative scores from among the remaining competitors from all chambers advance to the final chamber.
- After the final chamber has been selected, the remaining competitors from all chambers shall be ranked from lowest to highest cumulative score. The fifteen lowest cumulative scores from among this group will advance to the semi-final house.*(1/28/22)*

Section 9. The final and semi-final houses will have an odd number of adult ballots. Five judges is the preferred number for the final house, three judges for the semi-final house.

Section 10. The tournament winners and state qualifying list are determined by low total cumulative score from prelims and final house together (11 ballots). Alternate qualifiers after 15th place will advanced from the semi-final house. Ties for positions are broken by the following criteria, in this order:

1. Lowest cumulative score, finals only
2. Apply individual event tie breaking process

Section 11. Two Presiding Officers shall be randomly assigned to each chamber for round 1, avoiding two POs from the same school in the same chamber. They will divide the time of presiding. Each judge shall record speaker points for each PO on a 30-point scale similar to debate, and declare one PO the winner of the round. The second round shall be power matched based on ballot count, then speaker points. In the alternative, Presiding Officers may be rotated among the preliminary houses in such a way that judges' ballots determine two candidates for finals. The qualifying presiding officer is selected by judges' ballots from the finals. *(updated 9/1/23)*

Section 12. All speeches, all sessions, are three minutes maximum. The Presiding Officer should offer the first proposition speech to a student from the school that authored the bill. The first proposition and first opposition speakers will have two minutes of direct cross examination. Direct cross examination periods of one minute follow each subsequent speech. The rules may not be suspended to extend cross-examination time. All CBSR congress tournaments will use the CHSSA approved motions for Student Congress. *(updated 9/1/23)*

Section 13. The President will set a maximum time limit for each session in each house. The "maximum time limit" for each house will be calculated using the following formula:

5 minutes times the number of contestants in that house
plus 30 minutes (prelims) or 45 minutes (finals)

The "maximum time limit" may not exceed two hours, and should automatically be set at two hours if the above formula produces a time exceeding two hours.

All preliminary session will be directed to start at the same time. A half-way time will be determined by the President and communicated to Presiding Officers. This time will be written on the board in the competition room. At the halfway point the Presiding Officers will switch or rotate to different rooms as directed by the President. If the Presiding Officers must switch rooms at the transition, the tournament will establish a ten-minute period of time for the presiding officers to communicate in order to facilitate a smooth transition. *(updated 9/1/23)*

Each house shall remain in session until each contestant has had the opportunity to speak. Speeches shall be recognized by the Presiding Officer. If the "maximum time limit" has not been exceeded after everyone has had that opportunity, any time left over in the session may be used for "additional speeches" and cross-examination. An "additional speech" may not begin after the maximum time limit has been exceeded. A contestant who waives their opportunity to speak before "additional speeches" begin MAY NOT give an "additional speech."

Section 14. In addition to the Final and Semi-Final houses, consolation houses are formed as necessary for the third round. The scores from this session are added to the preliminary round scores, and the final scores are used to rank all contestants after the finalists and semi-finalists.

ARTICLE III: CBSR SPEECH and INTERPRETATION EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Section 1. ENTRIES. Each school may enter up to 12 students in each event.

National Extemporaneous and Internationals Extemporaneous shall be separate events.

Section 2. A student may enter any two individual events. If the events are in the same pattern, the student will always be placed early in one event and late in the other, according to guidelines established in advanced by the President.

Section 3. SCHEDULE. There shall be three preliminary rounds run on one Saturday, and then semifinal and final rounds run on the following Sunday.

Section 4. The first three rounds will each be judged by single judges. Students will be randomly assigned to rooms with students from the same school separated as much as possible*

**CBSR will use computer tabulation software such as Tabroom.com (5/16), the paneling parameters will be set to achieve, as much as possible, the paneling goals listed above.*

Section 5. ADVANCING INTO SEMIS AND FINALS

The preferred number for the semifinals shall be 14. For the final round, the preferred number shall be 7. If two or more contestants from the same school are the only contestants to finish in an unbreakable tie which includes the 14th and 15th places in the semifinals or the 7th and 8th places in the finals, the coach of the school involved shall have the option to break the tie and choose from among the tied contestants to fill the open place(s) in the semis or finals. If two or more contestants from different schools are involved in ties for the final positions in the semifinals or finals, the open positions shall be filled from among the tied contestants through the use of a random selection system designated by the President.

Section 6. JUDGES

Each school must provide one judge for every 8 entries at prelims and one judge for every 4 entries at semis and finals. All judges at State Qualifying Tournament must be at least 19 years of age or have graduated from high school at least 365 days previous to the date of the tournament. There shall be one judge for each panel in prelims, three in semifinals, and three in finals. The Executive Committee may vary this rule in an emergency. In all rounds, judges will rank contestants 1 through 7. At the League Championship the tab room will enter and record ranks for each event so that no student is given a ranking greater than the number of students in the smallest panel in that event. (5/14)

Section 7. TIEBREAKING INTO SEMIFINALS

The lowest 14 cumulative scores after three preliminary rounds shall advance into the semifinals. Ties shall be broken by 1) Total number of firsts, total number of seconds, total number of thirds. If ties still cannot be broken, a random selection shall be made. (5/14)

Section 8. TIEBREAKING INTO FINALS

The seven lowest cumulative scores after semifinals shall qualify for finals. These cumulative scores are computed by adding together the ranks assigned by each individual judge, all rounds--thus a total of six scores involved. If ties still cannot be broken, a random selection shall be made. (5/14)

1. **By the lowest semifinal cumulative score by itself**
2. By the greatest number of firsts, all judges, all rounds
3. By the greatest number of seconds
4. By the greatest number of thirds
5. By the greatest number of fourths
6. If there are still ties for the last slot, see Section 5. (5/14)

NOTE: If semifinalists advance to the state tournament, the above rules will be used to determine which semifinalists shall go.

Section 9. FINAL RANK, ALL EVENTS

The final tournament rank will be decided from the total cum of all judges, all rounds (thus 9 ranks are involved). If any two or more speakers tie for one place on the basis of total cumulative scores, the following tiebreakers shall be used, in this order:

1. **Lowest cumulative score, final round judges only**
2. Judges' preference, final round only*
3. Greatest number of firsts, all rounds
4. Greatest number of seconds
5. Greatest number of thirds

*TIEBREAKING EXAMPLE, JUDGES' PREFERENCE, FINAL ROUND ONLY:

	JUDGE A	JUDGE B	JUDGE C	CUM	RANK
Mary	1	2	3	6	2nd
Bob	3	1	2	6	1st

(Bob wins because he was preferred by two of the three judges)

ARTICLE IV: CBSR DEBATE EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIP

Section 1. The following rules are used for both types of debate. When the word "team" is used, read "individual" to apply to Lincoln-Douglas.

Section 2. SCHEDULE and FORMAT. Four preliminary rounds are guaranteed each team. If the total entry is over 30, a fifth preliminary round is added to the schedule. The league shall choose between one of two possible tournament formats:

1. The tournament starts at 8:00am and all preliminary and elimination rounds are completed on Saturday.
2. The tournament begins on Saturday, and all preliminary rounds are held on that day. All elimination rounds are held on Sunday.

Section 3. ENTRY LIMITS. Each school may enter up to 8 teams in and Policy debate, Parliamentary Debate, and Public Forum Debate and 8 individuals in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. They must be listed in order of strength, best first. Each school must provide one judge for every two teams or fraction thereof.

Section 4. TABULATION PROCEDURES

**CBSR will use Tabroom.com software or another similar program as determined by the league Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will supervise the paneling in rounds so that the computer paneling parameters meet, as near as possible, the goals set below. Once the top 8 teams are established a double-elimination bracket will be created as explained in the "Elimination Rounds" section below.*

SPEAKER POINTS/BALLOTS

All debate ballots used the State Qualifying tournament will have the following speaker point rubric:

20-23	24-25	26-27	28-29	30
Rude/Unprofessional	Fair	Good	Excellent	Superior

ROUND ONE

Protection: The top half of the entry from each school is designated as "protected." Single entries from a school, or the middle entry from a school with an odd number of teams, would be designated as a "swing team."

Matching: Protected teams will debate unprotected teams. If the original number of swing teams in the tournament is even, they should debate each other in Round One. Sides will be randomly assigned. No school shall meet itself unless more than half of the teams entered in the tournament are from that school.

Byes are only to be drawn (*by the Tabroom.com software*) if there are an odd number of teams in the tournament. There can never be more than one bye per round, and no team may be assigned more than one bye for the tournament. Byes: The bye should go to a swing team if the number of swing teams is odd. A bye cannot be refused.

THE REMAINING PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Byes: The bye in preliminary rounds after round one goes to the lowest ranked team in the tournament eligible to receive it. The only reason a team would be ineligible would be due to the assignment of a bye in a previous preliminary round.

MATCHING, ROUNDS 2 AND 4

Step One: Pool the cards into groups of teams with like won-loss records.

Step Two: Draw any necessary bye (see above).

Step Three: Taking one pool at a time, place on the left the cards of those teams which are required an affirmative round, and on the right those teams requiring a negative round. Use those cards with an equal number of affirmatives and negatives to "even up" the piles, striving to honor side rotation. If this cannot be done, move teams from the side with more cards to the side with fewer by blind draw. At the end of Round Four, no team should have debated more than two rounds on each side unless absolutely necessary.

Step Four: If there remains any pool with an odd number of teams, bring up the lowest point team from the next lower pool and put it into the higher pool. Attempt to move teams so that the teams due affirmative and negative are evened up in the higher brackets. Keep moving up the lowest rated teams to make the next higher pool even until all pools have an even number of teams (not equivalent; just even). A team can only be drawn up into a higher bracket once during a tournament. Any team that is moved up from a lower bracket should be placed where its points put it, not automatically at the bottom of the higher bracket. However, the team which receives the bye for the first round automatically becomes the lowest-rated team in the one-win bracket for Round Two.

Step Five: Match the teams in each pool. The highest rated affirmative meets the lowest rated negative, the second highest affirmative meets the second lowest negative, etc.

Step Six: Make adjustments in the pairings, avoiding the following restrictions, in this order of preference:

1. Avoid matching teams which have met. If such a debate must take place, reverse sides from the first encounter.
2. Avoid matching teams from the same school. No constrained sides or won-loss brackets will be altered to avoid a school meeting itself.

MATCHING, ROUNDS 3 AND 5

Step One: Same as above.

Step Two: Same as above.

Step Three: See Step Four, above.

Step Four: Taking one pool at a time, match the teams. The highest rated team meets the lowest rated team, the next highest rated team meets the next lowest rated team, and so on.

Step Five: Virtually all the debates will take place between two teams which have had an even number of debates on both sides. In these rounds, sides should be set randomly in the tab room. In other rounds, sides should be set so that both teams have as close to an equal number of debates on both sides as is possible.

Step Six: Same as above.

ELIMINATION ROUNDS

Selection and seeding: Select and seed the best eight teams based on:

1. Won-loss record
2. Total speaker points for the tournament
3. Total speaker points, minus high and low rounds
4. Head-to-head preliminary round meetings (for two team ties only, unless one team has defeated all of the teams with which it is tied)
5. Strength of preliminary opponents (using 1, 2, and 3 above)
6. Coin flip

Matching: Rounds five through seven will be as follows. Under no circumstances should these pairings be altered. Sides will be determined by coin flip unless the teams involved have met before, in which case sides will be reversed from their previous meeting. Each elimination round should have three judges, unless the coaches involved consent to a different number. Teams will be eliminated after their second loss.

ROUND FIVE

Debate 1: Seed #1 vs. Seed #8

Debate 2: Seed #2 vs. Seed #7

Debate 3: Seed #3 vs. Seed #6

Debate 4: Seed #4 vs. Seed #5

ROUND SIX

Debate 5: Winner, Debate 1 vs. winner, Debate 4

Debate 6: Winner, Debate 2 vs. winner, Debate 3

Debate 7: Loser, Debate 1 vs. loser, Debate 4

Debate 8: Loser, Debate 2 vs. loser, Debate 3

ROUND SEVEN

Debate 9: Winner, Debate 5 vs. winner, Debate 6

Debate 10: Winner, Debate 8 vs. loser, Debate 5

Debate 11: Winner, Debate 7 vs. loser, Debate 6

See Appendix I for a schematic of the elimination round pairings.

FINAL PLACEMENT OF TEAMS

First Place: Winner, Debate 9

Second Place: Loser, Debate 9

Third and Fourth: Winners, Debates 10 and 11; tie broken on criteria printed above for selecting and seeding elimination round teams.

Fifth and Sixth: Losers, Debates 10 and 11; tie broken as above.

Seventh and Eighth: Losers, Debates 7 and 8; tie broken as above.

ARTICLE V: SWEEPSTAKES TABULATION, SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP

Section 1. School sweepstakes ranks shall be computed based on the most points earned in state qualifying tournaments according to the following formula. In a case of ties in total points, the school with first places in the most events shall be the winner.

<u>Team Event Points (CX, PuFo, Parli, Duo)</u>		<u>Lincoln-Douglas Points</u>	
1st place team	14 points	1st place student	7 points
2nd place team	12	2nd place	6
3rd	10	3rd	5
4th	8	4th	4
5th through 8th	6 points each	5th through 8th	3 points each

<u>Student Congress Points</u>		<u>Individual Events Points</u>	
1st place	7 points	1st, each event	7 points
2nd	6	2nd	6
3rd	5	3rd	5
4th	4	4th	4
5th through 7th	3	5th through 7th	3
Other finalists	1 point each	Semifinalists not advancing to finals	1 point each
1st place P.O.	7		
2nd place P.O.	6		

Each school shall receive one additional sweepstakes point for each event entered by that school in the State Qualifying tournaments.

Section 2. The top three schools will each receive appropriate awards. The top school shall receive the "Tom Roper First Place Sweepstakes Award."

Section 3. The top three students in the league will each receive appropriate awards. For the purposes of individual sweepstakes awards, points will be calculated based upon the individual event points allocations for all events in which the student is entered (i.e. a 1st place win in policy is worth 7 points not 14).

ARTICLE VI: CBSR NAMED AND MEMORIAL TROPHIES AND AWARDS

Section 1: The following trophies (other appropriate awards) presented at the League Championship Tournament shall be named for the individuals listed below and shall include on the award the name of the person so honored:

- 1) Team Sweepstakes: "Tom Roper First Place Sweepstakes Award."
- 2) Impromptu: "Martha Kennedy"
- 3) Dramatic Interpretation "Gary Walker"
- 4) Congress "Robert DeGross" (5/14)
- 5) Individual Sweepstakes "Gertrude Baccus Individual Sweepstakes Award" (5/15)
- 6) Policy Debate "Chuck Ballingall" (9/17)

Section 2: The League will present annually the Michael Newbold Memorial Scholarship. Eligible students must meet the requirements established on the scholarship application and be active participants in a forensic program at a CBSR member school. (5/15)

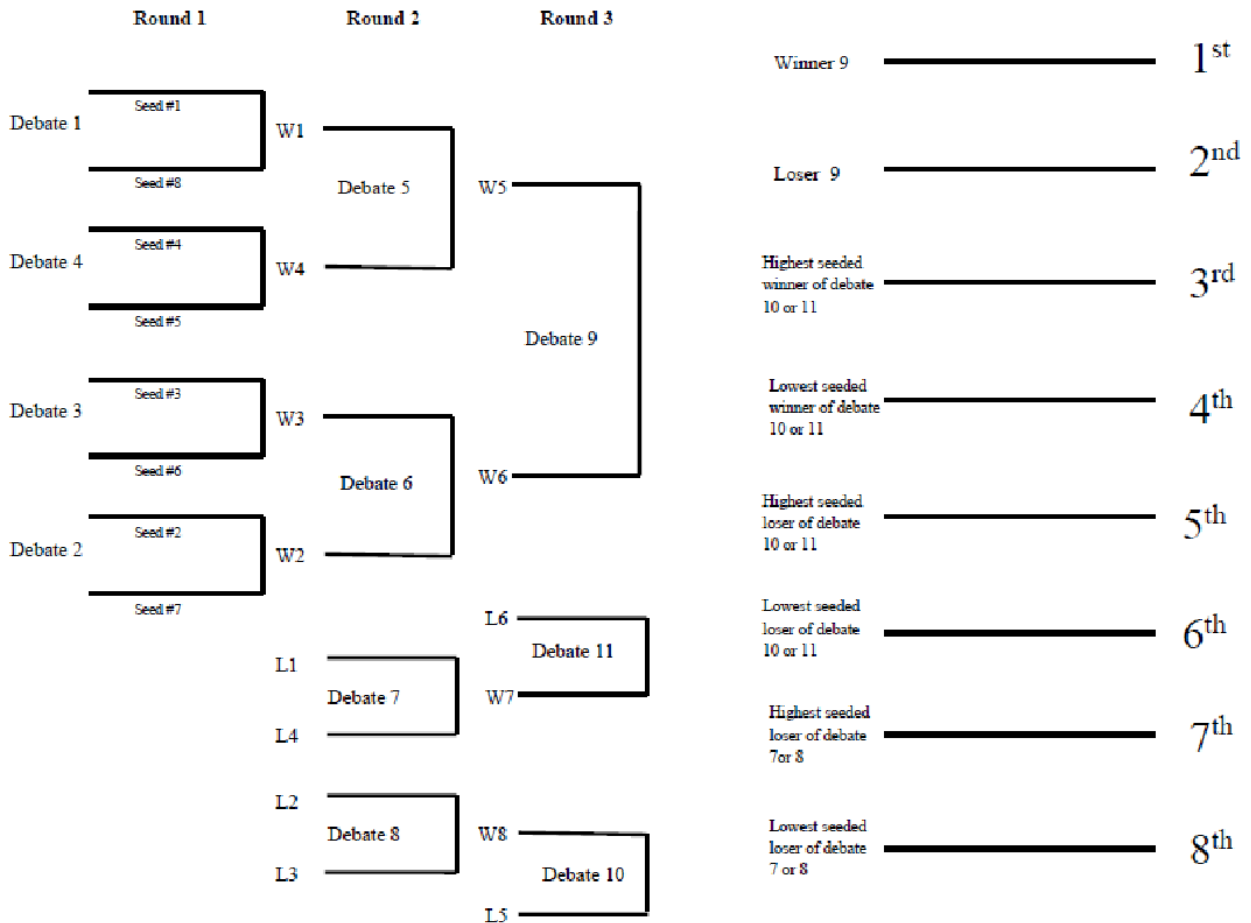
Section 3: The League will present annually the "Citrus Belt Speech Region / Chuck Ballingall Memorial / Coach of the Year Award" to a CBSR coach who has had an effective and significant impact on their forensics program. Nominations shall be accepted beginning on the day of the Congress Championship until noon on the day of the debate qualifier. The vote will be conducted from the afternoon of the Debate Championship until the Tuesday prior to Speech Championship. Every member school shall have one vote. The recipient shall be presented with an appropriately impressive plaque at the League Championship awards ceremony. (9/17)

**ARTICLE VII: CHSSA STATE TOURNAMENT QUALIFYIER VERIFICATION PROCESS
(the dance)**

1. After the completion of each of the League Championship Tournaments for Congress, Debate, and Individual Events, the executive committee will compile lists of the top competitors in each event.
2. The lists shall rank in ascending order (1st place at the top) the top 14 finishers in each Speech and Interp event, the top 8 finishers in each debate event, the top 28 finishers in student congress, and the top 10 presiding officers.
3. Each line on the event lists shall have:
 - A) the proper number of State Tournament Qualifiers allocated to our league clearly indicated.
 - B) the competitor's name and school
 - C) a space for the coach to indicate "yes" or "no" to accept or decline qualification
 - D) a space for the coach to initial their decision to accept or decline qualification (see appendix for example)
4. After the results of the final League Championship Tournament have been verified by the executive committee, the lists will be made available for all league coaches. Head coaches for each school must then indicate by writing "yes" or "no" whether each of their students on the list will accept the qualification to the CHSSA State Tournament and initial the choice.
5. A coach may not indicate that a competitor is a "yes" to accept more than one qualifying spot, but if the competitor's name is below the qualifiers they may be listed as a "yes" on more than one event in which they are an alternate.
6. As students may not accept qualification to the CHSSA State Tournament in more than one event, the league expects coaches to consult with students prior to indicating their preference, but the league leaves it to the discretion of each coach as to how students make their preferences known.
7. Head coaches not in attendance at the final tournament must provide written instructions to the League President prior to the tournament, or may designate a proxy to initial the qualifier list, or must agree to be available by phone during the verification process.
8. In the event that the executive committee is unable to communicate with a coach, the League will assume the student accepts a single qualifying spot, but may not make decisions about students who have double-qualified without contacting the coach.
9. When all decisions have be made and verified by the coaches, the League President will highlight and verify the appropriate number of qualifiers on each list, beginning at the top of each list.
10. The league President shall create a final list of qualifiers, forward the list to the Area Four Chair, and enter the CBSR qualifiers into the shared electronic document of state qualifiers as directed by the CHSSA Vice President of Activities.
11. In the event that a student who previously accepted a qualifying spot is unable to attend, the next student who is listed as a "yes" will be offered the spot.

(revised 8/28/24)

Appendix 1



Mike Newbold Memorial Scholarship

Explanation

Purpose: To honor the memory of Michael Newbold and his dedication to speech and debate by providing a scholarship to a worth speech student in the Citrus Belt Speech Region.

Amount: \$500

Eligibility: To be eligible for the Mike Newbold Scholarship candidates must complete an application and personal statement and meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Demonstrate financial need
2. Have a minimum un-weighted GPA of 3.0
3. Currently enrolled as a high school senior and be on track to graduate by the end of the school year
4. Attend a 2/4 year college or university
5. Been a competitor in the Citrus Belt Speech Region for at least two years (including current year)

Approval Process: All applications received by the designated deadline will be reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Citrus Belt Speech Region. Applicants will be evaluated by the metric below and the applicant with the highest score will be awarded the scholarship. In case of a tie a vote of the CBSR Executive Committee will be the deciding factor.

Due Date: Applications are due by noon of the first day of the League Championship for Speech.

Category	Points Possible	Descriptor of how points are awarded
Financial Need	18	Full points are awarded upon demonstration of financial need. Financial need is defined as an expected parent contribution of less than 50% as determined by the FAFSA.
GPA	12	Points calculated by multiplying the un-weighted GPA by 3 and rounding off to two decimal places.
Competitive Record	20	Points awarded on the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Years of Competition: 2 points per year, maximum 8 points • # of times qualified to the CHSSA state tournament: 2 points per annual qualification (only 1 event counts per year), maximum 8 points • League Champion: 1 point per event student has been a league champion, maximum 4 points.
Total Points: 50		

(continued)

Mike Newbold Memorial Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

High School: _____

College/University you plan on attending: _____

Unweighted GPA: _____ Years of Competitive Experience: _____

Number of times you qualified for state: _____

League Champion? Y / N Number of times (please give details below):

Proof of Financial Need: Please submit a copy of your FAFSA report that lists parents' expected financial contribution. If you do not have your FAFSA filled out, please submit a copy of your parents' current tax return with social security information blacked out. If your parents did not file taxes currently, please provide a letter from them that explains why they did not file, and listing their income for the current year.

GPA: Please attach an unofficial copy of your high school transcripts signed by either your coach or a school official.

Personal Statement: (please attach) In 500 words or less please write an essay in which you describe yourself and your participation in speech and debate competition. Please describe any challenges that you have overcome and/or the role that forensics has played in your life thus far.

National Extemp

Final 4 qualifiers	#	Name	School	Accepting Qualifying Position Yes / No	Coach initials
	1				
	2				
	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
	7				

	8				
	9				
	10				
	11				
	12				
	13				
	14				