

An Amendment Regarding Debate IQT Format Options

Page 75, after item 5(d) add:

“6. Tournament directors may choose to host four rounds of debate with no elimination rounds. Tournaments must announce in their invitation if they decide to use this option. Tournaments using this option will pair rounds in the following manner:

a. The first two rounds of an IQT will be a pre-set in a manner that schedules each entrant in one affirmative and one negative round. These rounds should be randomly paired, attempting to minimize individuals from the same two schools hitting one another (if possible), and avoid the pairing of individuals from the same school.

b. Round three will be power matched using high-low. Pairings will then follow the pairing restrictions in section 5 above.

c. Round four will be power matched using high-high. Undefeated entrants should debate undefeated entrants; entrants with one loss should debate entrants with one loss, and so on. Brackets will not be broken to avoid debating a previous opponent or a member of the same school.

d. After round four, entrants will be ranked based off the results of the four rounds. The top ranked entrant will earn 1st place, the second ranked entrant will earn 2nd place, etc. Entrants will receive TFA points according to the IE TFA points schedule. There will be no elimination of debate.

e. Entrants will be ranked according to the following criteria:

- i. Win-loss record
- ii. Adjusted speaker points (drop highs and lows) per team
- iii. Total speaker points
- iv. Total speaker ranks
- v. Opponent's win-loss record
- vi. Opponent's speaker points
- vii. Opponent's ranks
- viii. Adjusted ranks
- ix. Blind draw”

Rationale:

Some areas of the states are sparsely populated, and tournament attendance requires far more travel than in other areas of the state. This alternative format has been tested successfully in Region 1, and has allowed students a great educational opportunity, while at the same time making it possible for tournaments to end in timely manner and allow schools traveling great distances to arrive home at a reasonable hour. This optional format will make debate participation more enticing in these sparsely populated areas of the state.