

Proposed changes from Dr. Sencer.

Proposed Changes:

1. Article II. Definitions, Section 2.02 Divisions, (d) JV (Junior Varsity) [Speech]: A junior varsity competitor is a student, regardless of year, that has participated in no more than two competitive seasons. If a student had competed in middle school forensics each completed year of competition counts against this total. Thus, a junior who did speech and debate in 8th and 9th grade, but not 10th grade, would not be considered junior varsity.

2. Article II. Definitions, Section 2.02 Divisions, (e) Varsity: A varsity competitor is a student, regardless of year, that has participated in at least two years of any speech and debate competition, not excluding middle school only events. For purposes of competition, those who are considered varsity may only compete in open divisions.

3. Article II. Definitions, Section 2.02 Divisions, (f) Open: Students may compete in this division regardless of grade as long as they are currently matriculated as a high school student.

4. Article XII. Tournament Procedures - Exclusive of the Grand Tournament, Section 12.04 Student Congress, (d) Chamber Size:
 - (i) When possible entries should be balanced so that each chamber size does not exceed 18 speakers. Balanced means that chambers should be as close together in the number of students participating in a round as the rules will allow.
 - (ii) Exceptions will be made if any individual chamber drops below 12 speakers.
 - (iii) No school shall constitute more than 20% of any one chamber.
 - (iv) Schools shall designate students as either novice or open. Novices will be equally distributed amongst the chambers. A best novice will be recognized in each chamber.

(v) Schools that enter more students in Student Congress than the number of chambers shall be given the opportunity to decide how the chamber assignments are to be split, pursuant to the guidelines provided above, but they shall have no control over which chambers those students are assigned

(vi) Student may be distributed amongst all chambers but one in the event that judge shortages require that

5. Article XII. Tournament Procedures - Exclusive of the Grand Tournament, Section 12.04 Student Congress, (e) Panels: Each preliminary round will be heard by a minimum of one scorer and one parliamentarian. Scorers must be clear meaning that a scorer may not have a school affiliation or a coaching relationship with each one of the competitors in the chamber. Parliamentarians are eligible to judge all students.
6. Article XII. Tournament Procedures - Exclusive of the Grand Tournament, Section 12.04 Student Congress, (f) PreLims: Each scorer will rank the top 6 students in their chamber. Any contestant not ranked by a scorer will receive a rank of 7. Each parliamentarian will rank the entire room. Judge credits will be assigned to the top 6 students. All other ranks will be used for tie-breaking procedures.
7. Article XII. Tournament Procedures - Exclusive of the Grand Tournament, Section 12.04 Student Congress, (g) Advancing to Super Session. A minimum of 12 students shall advance to a Final Super Session. The students with the lowest total scores shall advance with an equal number of students selected per chamber.
8. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.02 Minimum Participation Standards, (a) (i) Speech (a) Schools which intend to enter the Grand Tournament in Speech must compete in at least two of the League tournaments during the applicable competitive season, exclusive of the Grand Tournament.
9. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.02 Minimum Participation Standards, (a) (i) Speech (b) A student wishing to participate in the NYCFL Grand

Tournament must compete in at least two regular season speech tournaments. Additionally, in order to enter into an event at the Grand Tournament, a student must have competed in an open division of that event at least once during the regular season.

10. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.02 Minimum Participation Standards, (a) (i) Speech (d) In the event that a school cannot meet the outlined requirements, they may register at least two students in each speech category in which a school has competed at least twice during the course of the competitive season as long as the provisions of Art. XIII, Sec. 13.02 (a)(i)(c) are met.
11. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.04 Judging, (b) Required number of judges, (ii) Debate - one qualified judge must be provided for every two entries.
12. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.07 Student Congress, (b) Chamber Size - Prelim chamber size shall be limited to no more than 18 students.
13. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.07 Student Congress (d) Special Rules (i) PreLims 1) There is a mandatory 2 minute questioning period for the authorship/sponsorship and first negative speech. All subsequent speeches shall have a required one minute of questioning.
14. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.07 Student Congress (d) Special Rules (ii) Super Session, 1) There is a mandatory 2 minute questioning period for the sponsorship and first negative speech. All subsequent speeches shall have a required one minute of questioning.
15. Article XIII. Grand Tournament, Section 13.07 Student Congress (f) Super Session (i) the Super Session shall be adjudicated by four scorers and one parli. In the event that a clean panel cannot be made, then one judge from each of the schools with a participant in the Super Session must be used to judge the session.