

APPENDIX G

RULES FOR PRE-DISTRICT QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS IN 2-PERSON DEBATE

A. Any OHSSL member school or Ohio college or university may host a Pre-district Qualifying Tournament (PDQ). A PDQ for policy debate must have at least eight OHSSL member schools in good standing and at least 24 2-person teams participating from a minimum of eight OHSSL member schools. **One-person teams (maverick) may not be registered for or compete at a PDQ tournament. No team may be composed of competitors from different schools.**

B. The tournament must provide for one of the following to be in attendance throughout the tournament: a District Chairperson, a member of the Executive Committee, or an active coach previously approved by the Executive Director in conjunction with the Chairperson of the Executive Committee. This person must be in a position to verify compliance with the OHSSL procedures.

C. The tournament must feature at least five preliminary rounds. Rounds I and II should be preset with geographical restraints. Rounds III, IV, and V shall be paired high-low within the brackets or in a manner acceptable to the OHSSL official providing:

1. Teams from the same school shall not meet in preliminary rounds.
2. Teams should debate an equal number of rounds on each side. Rounds V, VII, etc. shall be randomly determined if they are the last rounds of the tournament.
3. Preliminary rounds I through V will not feature procedures known as lag-pairing or any other pairing procedure that is not based on actual competition.
4. There will be no byes in Round I or II. The host school has the responsibility of providing the swing team to make even matches. Any byes after Rounds I or II will be given to teams not in contention for the quarterfinals bracket.

D. Judges for the preliminary rounds will be assigned randomly. There should be no attempt to assign any team or judge to specific rounds.

E. A completed verification form must be mailed to the Executive Committee Debate Chair within 72 hours following the completion of the tournament. A service fee of \$50.00 must be sent to the League Office within one week following the tournament. This fee covers any event that might be offered at a given PDQ tournament.

F. Qualifiers will not be accepted until the verification form and service fee have been received.

G. Rule A3, Page 15 of the State Tournament Manual should be used for the breaking of ties. In the event that the computer is not used, omit judge-controlled variance.

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APPENDIX H

GUIDELINES FOR EXECUTIVE MEMBERS DESIGNATED TO OVERSEE PRE-DISTRICT QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS

A. After securing the list of PDQ Tournaments scheduled for the current tournament year, the Designee will contact each member school in regard to procedures that must be followed in the planning and operation of its scheduled PDQ:

1. Including rules in invitation;
2. Securing an approved tournament official (See Appendix G) well ahead of time;
3. Receiving the PDQ verification form from the League office two weeks prior to tournament;
4. Reviewing specific rules with regard to tournament registration and scheduling (Appendix G).

B. At least three days before each PDQ tournament, the Designee will make a final contact with the tournament host to verify that all criteria are in order for the scheduled tournament:

1. Name of tournament official (Designee contacts official to review tournament responsibilities);
2. Numbers of registered contestants and names of member schools;
3. Copies of rules on hand;
4. Verification form from League office in hand.

C. Once the Executive Committee Designee receives the verification form, s/he will determine whether the PDQ meets all criteria according to OHSSL rules. If the PDQ is not valid, the Designee will immediately contact the schools in question either by telephone or in written form. If the PDQ is valid, the Designee will record all state qualifiers according to category, school, and district. The Designee must then send a copy of the verification form to the League Office; the original verification forms are to be kept on file and then taken to the League Office during State Tournament set-up weekend.

D. Two weeks prior to the District Tournament, the Designee will mail a complete list of Pre-District Qualifiers to every member school, District Chair, and League Office.