

Important TFA State Congress Information

This year's legislation was selected by a blind vote of the congress committee. Thanks to you, we are able to use exclusively TFA member legislation. Congratulations to those schools whose legislation was chosen. The prelims docket consists of the top 25, semis the following 15, and finals the next 10.

Reminder: School names were left on all pieces of legislation to honor schools for their dedication to furthering student congress competition, however, authorship speeches are only given in prelims NOT in Semis or Finals. (In the past, authors of semis and finals legislation would have been anonymous).

We will use the following procedures for congress:

1. Students will audition for Presiding Officer at the start of Prelims Session A. After votes are tabulated, the student receiving the most votes will serve for the remainder of that session. Students will vote once again on the remaining candidates. The student receiving the highest vote total will serve during Session B, and the second highest will serve during Session C.
2. Scorers/Judges will change after each Session, but Parliamentarians will remain for the entire Round. Each Scorer will nominate one student at the end of their session and the Parliamentarian will nominate one student at the end of the round. This makes a possible 4 students who will automatically advance from Prelims to Semis. Top point earners (who were not nominated and not to exceed a total of 7) will be added to the list of students advancing from each chamber to Semifinals.
* A total of 8 students from each chamber will advance from Semis to Finals.
3. According to the TFA Constitution, we must use the BASE system at the State Tournament to tabulate all results. Make sure that your students are aware of this. Sessions A, B, and C will be tabulated as one continuous round. The only way to make the BASE system work, as intended, is to hold multiple hours of debate. Precedence will therefore NOT reset after each session. (This is another reason to keep the same Parliamentarian throughout the round).
 - If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me so we can make necessary clarifications or corrections prior to the State Tournament.
 - If you would like to act as a scorer or parliamentarian to fulfill some of your judging obligation, please contact me. bgarner@duncanvilleisd.org.

We are aware that some ambiguities exist in the constitution regarding Student Congress. Our goal is to clarify when appropriate and offer amendments when necessary. Hopefully, by next tournament season we will alleviate many of your concerns.