

# TAB POLICY 2005

## THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

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### *Teams*

#### ***Round I Pairings***

Round I will be randomly paired, pairing non-seeded teams against seeded teams

#### *Seeded teams:*

- ~~1. A full seeded team is a team where each member of the team has reached a final round of a sanctioned tournament during the current school year (August 2005 – present).~~
- ~~2. A Half seeded team is a team where one member of the team has reached a final round of a sanctioned tournament during the current school year (August 2005 – present).~~
3. There is a free seed given to one team from each of the competing schools regardless of the number of full and half seeds that school has.

It is the obligation of the competing school at registration to ensure that all seed designations as well as novice designations are correct. This **must** be done in writing, before the start of the tournament. Hopkins Tab is under no obligation to honor seed or novice designations submitted orally or after the start of the tournament.

A novice is defined as a debater who started debate during the current school year (August 2005 - present) or debated in fewer than three tournaments in the previous years and none in years prior.

#### *Pairings for first round will be done in the following order:*

- ~~1. Full seeded teams shall be randomly paired against non-seeded teams.~~
- ~~2. If necessary Full seeded teams shall be randomly paired against Free seeded teams.~~
- ~~3. If necessary Full seeded teams shall be randomly paired against Half seeded teams.~~
- ~~4. If necessary Full seeded teams shall be randomly paired against Full seeded teams~~
- ~~5. Half seeded teams shall be randomly paired against non-seeded teams.~~
- ~~6. If necessary Half seeded teams shall be randomly paired against Free seeded teams.~~
- ~~7. If necessary Half seeded teams shall be randomly paired against Half seeded teams.~~
8. Free seeded teams shall be randomly paired against non-seeded teams.
9. If necessary Free seeded teams shall be randomly paired against Free seeded teams.

#### ***Preliminary Rounds II – V Priorities:***

1. No team shall face the same team twice.
2. Teams shall face teams with the same record.
3. No team shall face a team from their own school.
4. No team shall have more than three government rounds.
5. No team shall have more than three opposition rounds.
6. Teams will be power paired on the basis of speaker points.

Any ties of teams for position will be broken according to the criteria listed in the awards section of this tab policy when it is possible to do so.

#### *Pull-up Policy*

- 1) In the event a pull-up is needed, the middle team on points in the lower bracket will be pulled up and paired into the higher bracket at the bottom of the bracket.
- 2) No team shall be pulled up more than once.
- 3) No team shall hit the pull-up more than once.

#### *Swing Team*

- 1) In the event, there is an odd number of teams at any time in the tournament, a swing team shall be entered into the tournament at the discretion of the tab director in place of a bye.
- 2) The members of the swing team can change.
- 3) The swing team CAN win rounds and CAN advance through the brackets.
- 4) The swing team cannot break nor are any of its members eligible for awards.
- 5) No team may hit the swing team more than once.

#### *Iron-person Teams*

- 1) In the event that a competitor for whatever reason does not have a partner for any round, that competitor will be allowed to compete as an iron-person.
- 2) Iron-person cannot win except during the first round in the case that the team in question has notified the tab director before the close of registration.
- 3) The competing individual will be given points for each speech. The individual will be awarded the higher of the two speaker point scores but the lower of the two ranks. The combination of the points will be given to the team though the absent partner does not receive any points individually.

#### *Hybrids*

- 1) Hybrids will be guaranteed protection against one school of the hybrid's discretion.
- 2) No free seeds will be granted to hybrids.

#### *Lateness Policy*

- 1) Every team has ten minutes from the time pairings have been read to arrive in their rooms.
- 2) Any team that fails to show up in fifteen minutes for their round will be DROPPED.
- 3) If the team failing to show up is late for first round and has informed the Tab Director of their lateness, they shall be dropped with the average of their speaks and ranks. Second round, they shall be paired into the middle of the one loss bracket but they shall not be the pull-up. Every round thereafter their speaks and ranks will be averaged and paired in accordingly. At the Tab Director's and Tournament Directors' discretion dinner rounds may be held instead of dropping the team. Under such circumstances, the team in question shall be paired into the middle of the one up bracket.
- 4) Should a team fail to show up for any other round or not inform the Tab Director that they will be late for first round, that team will be dropped. For the purposes of tabulation, their speaks will be averaged for that round with respect to their final score. If the round in question is the first round, the team will be paired into the middle of the bracket. The team shall be disqualified from the break and any other awards.
- 5) Any team that fails to show up for two rounds will automatically be eliminated from. The the tab director will have the option of giving the bottom team of the tournament a bye, adding a swing team, or eliminating a swing team to correct for an odd number of teams.
- 6) A team that wins by forfeit shall receive their final average speaker points and ranks for that round.

# *Awards and Out Rounds*

## *Qualifying for Quarterfinals*

- 1) At the end of five preliminary rounds, the top eight teams as determined by the below mention criteria shall advance to quarterfinals.
- 2) All eight teams will ranked according to abovementioned criteria.
- 3) In quarterfinals, the #1 ranked team shall meet the #8 ranked team. The #2 team shall meet the #7 team, the #3 team shall meet the #6 team, and the #4 shall meet the #5 team.
- 4) In semi finals, the winner of the #1 vs. #8 round shall face the winner of the #4 vs. #5 round. The winner of the #2 vs. #7 round shall face the winner of the #3 vs. #6 round.
- 5) Finals shall consist of the winners of the two semi-final rounds.
- 6) All elimination rounds will be judged by odd number of judges panels. All the panels for each individual round will be equal in number.
- 7) Teams will not be protected from hitting teams from the same school in elimination rounds.

## *Out Round Sides*

- 1) **Government Advantage:** Choice of sides will be awarded to the team with most number of government rounds up to that point in the tournament.
- 2) **Locked:** Should the teams be equal in the number of government rounds and have met in preliminary rounds, then sides will be locked.
- 3) **Seed Advantage:** Should the teams be equal in the number of government rounds and they have not met in preliminary rounds, then sides will be chosen by the higher seed.

## *Team Awards*

- 1) Team awards/quarterfinals will be determined by record.
- 2) Any ties based on record will be broken the following way:
  - a) Total number of Speaker Points
  - b) Ranks, valued inversely
  - c) Adjusted Speaker Points
  - d) Adjusted Ranks, valued inversely
  - e) Double-Adjusted Speaker Points
  - f) Double-Adjusted Ranks, valued inversely
  - g) OPP Strength
  - h) Number of government rounds
  - i) Coin-flip

## *Speaker Awards*

- 1) Speaker awards will be determined by the number of speaker points a competitor has.
- 2) Any ties based on speaker points will be broken the following way:
  - a) Ranks, valued inversely
  - b) Adjusted Speaker Points
  - c) Adjusted Ranks, valued inversely
  - d) Double-Adjusted Speaker Points
  - e) Double-Adjusted Ranks, valued inversely
  - f) W-L record
  - g) OPP Strength
  - h) Coin-flip

Adjusted being defined as removing the highest and lowest point or rank that a team or person received during the tournament.

Opposition strength is defined as the sum of a team's opponents victories.

**Extraordinary Circumstances**

In the case of any unforeseen, extraordinary circumstances pertaining to any aspect of this tab policy, the tab director may make adjustments provided that they are announced immediately to the tournament.