Chapter B1 - Event Standards and Requirements

This chapter addresses the basic standards of conduct expected from CCNW event participants including competitors, event staff, and family members in attendance. Next it covers the various aspects related to the scheduling for all competitive CCNW events including the types of events conducted by CCNW, the timing and the duration of Debate and Speech seasons, the guidelines and limitations on the number of events, goals and criteria for selecting event locations. Finally, it provides guidance regarding the allowable types of awards appropriate to each of the various types of CCNW events.

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B1.1   Conduct and Character

I.   Christian Character

CCNW exists to assist Christian homeschooling families to train up their high school age children to be more fully equipped servants of Jesus Christ. Therefore, everyone associated with CCNW is expected to conform their behavior, attitudes, and interactions with Biblical standards.

II.   Education and Competition

CCNW Board Members love watching good, well argued debate rounds between teams with good evidence, logic and communication skills. CCNW desires participants to aspire to develop their skills to the highest possible level. As brothers and sisters in Christ our goal as a league is to have iron sharpen iron, each helping one another as much as possible.

Within that framework the CCNW Board wants to encourage and remind everyone that the development of skills and abilities is the goal. Winning rounds and awards are designed to provide some visible measure of accomplishment and reward for the significant effort invested in debate. But, they are not the real goal.

Thus, everyone in CCNW must always be on guard for manifestations of an overly competitive spirit that gets in the way of the real educational purposes. We all lose in some way if somewhere along the path a desire to win, or an unrealistic expectation of perfection, gets in the way of helping one another through the learning process.

III. Code of Conduct

    A. <u>The following standards reflect CCNW's intent on maintaining the Christian character of CCNW events.</u>

        1. The conduct of the leaders, parents, coaches, and participants who attend a CCNW event or who associate themselves with CCNW will be guided by Biblical principles.

        2. Everyone associated with a CCNW event will treat others with, respect before, during, and after rounds, regardless of the outcome.

        3. Language will be wholesome and Christ honoring. No crude or vulgar language or conduct will be tolerated.

        4. Cheating, plagiarism, and deception will not be tolerated.

        5. Physical violence or abuse will not be tolerated.

        6. CCNW events are not appropriate venues for physical displays of affection between unmarried couples.

        7. Facilities used during CCNW events will be treated with respect and care. Any damage to facilities, regardless of the magnitude of the damage, must be reported to the event leadership and to CCNW leadership.

        8. Students, parents, and coaches must acknowledge the authority of the judge in competition, and will accept the judge's decision as final and correct.

        9. Families should make every effort to have at least one parent present at all CCNW events in which their child is competing.

        10. Parents and participants agree to submit to the authority of the CCNW leadership during CCNW events and with respect to CCNW-related issues.

        11. Parents will be the first line of enforcement of this code of conduct as it relates to their children. All people associated with CCNW are expected to ensure that this code is honored.

IV. Dress Code

    A. <u>General</u>

    In order to show respect for the activity, opponents, and judges, professional business attire is required for all CCNW participants. CCNW considers itself a traditional organization and looks to more conservative forms of dress as appropriate professional attire. For those who are inclined to more modern standards of dress, they are encouraged to view CCNW events as an opportunity to increase their abilities in adapting to the accepted standards of the group. Regardless of all other considerations, all clothing shall be modest.

B. Participating Males (Debaters and Speech Participants)

1. For men, this means modestly cut business suits or blazers with modestly-fitted slacks, button down dress shirt, and a tie.

2. Shoes should be some type of dress shoe. Tennis shoes or other similar casual shoes are not acceptable.

3. Professional grooming for men includes being clean shaven or having neatly groomed beards and/or mustaches.

C. Participating Females (Debaters and Speech Participants)

1. Dress/skirt hemlines must be at least 4-inches below the knee when standing. (This is a change from the prior requirement.)

2. A combination of slacks and a blouse does not constitute a sufficiently professional outfit and should not be worn.

3. A combination of a skirt and a blouse does not constitute a sufficiently professional outfit and should not be worn.

4. Acceptable outfits include:

   a. A professional, business style dress. This should be something a professional business woman would wear to an important business meeting.

   b. A professional, business style pantsuit.

   c. A skirt with a blouse and a jacket.

5. Grooming for ladies shall include a modest hairstyle common to traditional, professional settings.

6. Jewelry and makeup, if worn, shall be limited in amount and modest in style.

7. The goal is not simply something that would be acceptable for a teen girl to wear to church. The goal is some form of professional business attire. (One final note of clarification. Business professional does not mean it must be black and dour. Pretty and feminine is fine. It just needs to have a business look.)

D. Event Leadership

All Event Leaders, the Event Director and any others who will have a prominent presence during formal parts of the event such as opening, closing, awards, etc., shall meet or exceed the requirements for participants as set forth in B and C above. The CCNW program is designed to assist parents of Christian homeschool students develop communication skills and ability to interact with others in a consistently professional and courteous manner. Those in visible leadership at events need to set an example for the participants to follow.

E. Others (Other Event Personnel, Parents, Siblings)

   1. General

      CCNW events place the homeschool movement in general, and Christian homeschoolers in particular, in public view for anyone to see. The community at large, through the presence of the community judges and visitors, take away an impression of Christian homeschoolers based what they see and hear while observing the event. These observations are not limited to the participants. Everyone connected to the event is under observation. Therefore, everyone associated with the event needs to be continually conscious that a thoughtless word or action, including being carelessly dressed can reflect poorly on the entire group and diminish the view of CCNW and Christian homeschoolers in the eyes of the community.

   2. Other Event Personnel

      Many event tasks involve serving, and a number of them, such as setting up and cleaning up rooms or taking care of the various aspects of food service, involve the potential for getting a little dirty. Thus, it may not be advisable for all event personnel to be dressed as formally as the competitors. In such cases, these event personnel are encouraged to be as well dressed as possible while still maintaining the ability to comfortably and efficiently performing assigned roles.

   3. Parents and Siblings

      As presented above, the community is watching everyone connected with the event. All family members in attendance are encouraged to remember this fact and endeavor to dress appropriately for a public gathering and conduct themselves as though they are a part of the event, because in the mind of the public they are.

V. Dispute Resolution

   A. General Principles

      CCNW recognizes that unexpected, unfortunate situations will arise, or our fallen human natures will assert themselves resulting in problems. The Bible is not a fairy tale book. In fact it is very realistic when it comes to anticipating and providing guidance for problems that arise in endeavors among God's people. When such problems occur we need to remember the wisdom and guidance it gives, and remember to be humble and willing to allow God to help us through the difficulties.

      In a general sense there are two types of problems that may arise. One type of problem comes from the event itself. Something is not going right and causing frustration. The second is interpersonal conflict of some sort. Someone does or says something that offends another. While not hard and fast, each type of problem tends to be best handled in a particular manner, which we set forth below for consideration and action as necessary.

1. Event Based Problems

CCNW is run by volunteers at all levels, each doing the best they can to provide opportunities that would not otherwise exist. In addition, there is often an ongoing change of personnel as participants graduate and move on, while others join in with little or no prior experience. Thus, it should be no surprise to anyone if mistakes occur or glitches arise.

When operational problems occur during the course of a CCNW event, they should be handled by the chain-of-command approach. Where possible, members of a club should bring their concerns to their club leader and the club leader will take the concern to the Event Staff, the Event Director or to another club leader as appropriate.

Problems should be resolved at the earliest opportunity and at the lowest level. Those with concerns should address them to the event staff personnel in charge of the relevant area. If the problem involves judges or judging, contact the judge coordinator. Hospitality concerns should be addressed to the hospitality coordinator. Whenever appropriate, Event Staff will involve the Event Director to ensure problems are resolved or concerns addressed. But, the event will function most smoothly and efficiently if the Event Director is not sidetracked with every minor question or concern.

2. Interpersonal Conflict

We all have bad days. We all do dumb things. We all say dumb things, or things that are misunderstood. Debate events are loaded with opportunities to annoy or offend another person as individuals can easily get focused on their efforts, goals and expectations and forget about others. In such cases the Bible provides clear guidance that the offended party try to deal with the offender personally and privately.

The Biblical way really is the best way, and everyone associated with CCNW is strongly encouraged to work things out on the personal level whenever possible. Depending on circumstances, given the stresses that can accompany competition, during the event may not be the best time to resolve certain concerns. Where appropriate, it may be best to set the matter aside for the moment and then attempt to work things out later.

It should be a rare circumstance where anyone else besides those directly involved needs to even know a problem occurred. However, where necessary and still following Biblical instruction, the next step is to involve a few discrete, reliable, mature individuals help mediate the situation.

When all of the above fails, the procedures set forth below shall be used for resolving disputes.

B. Formal Procedures

All disputes at this event shall be resolved in accordance with the principles and guidelines established by the Institute for Christian Conciliation. Event leaders, parents, and participants are strongly encouraged to review the information at this link prior to coming to a competitive CCNW event.

www.peacemaker.net/site/c.aqKFLTOBIpH/b.958159/k.A440/Peacemakers_Pledge.htm

B1.2   Debate and Speech Event Scheduling Considerations

I.   General

One of the core goals of CCNW is to maintain a program that is not overly time consuming or burdensome to ordinary homeschool families. In pursuit of this goal, CCNW endeavors to develop an event schedule that limits the Debate and Speech seasons to specific portions of the typical academic year, and limits the number of events to a level considered reasonable by the CCNW Board.

One key element for CCNW event management is the separation of the Debate and Speech seasons. All competitive Speech events will be scheduled in the fall semester (October through December) and all competitive Debate events will be scheduled in the spring semester (January through May). This is designed to ensure that CCNW families can focus on developing proficiency in the current activity and also not be overly burdened by too many events in a short period of time.

II.   Event Types, Length, Composition

A. Debate Events

1. Club Work Day

Another name for the "Club Work Day" might be "Dress Rehearsal Round Robin". A Club Work Day is held on a Saturday with four full debate rounds, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. The purpose of the day is to give novice debaters and their parents an opportunity to practice what has been learned in the Introduction to Debate class in a low pressure, minimally competitive setting. Parents (or other team affiliated judges) should be the primary, if not exclusive, judges for this event, giving them practice in their judging responsibilities.

A stop-start format is used to provide maximum, immediate feedback to the debaters. Ballots are filled out by the judges and given to the debaters at the end of the day. No tabulation of results is performed, and no awards are given.

The vision for the Debate Club Work Day is that it will provide active, experienced clubs the opportunity to help newly organized clubs. Rather than having all clubs travel to a single location, newly organized clubs will travel to the location of an established club, preferably one relatively close by. The experienced coaches, parents and debaters will be responsible for guiding the new participants through the various aspects of the day.

2. Round Robin

    The Round Robin is a one-day practice competition held on a Saturday. There are typically four debate rounds, two in the morning and two in the afternoon. A fifth round may be included at the discretion of the Event Director, with concurrence from the CCNW Board.

    The goal is to have a good mix of community judges and club-affiliated judges. Normally there will be no interruption to the debate (no stop-start comment period). Judges may make brief comments after the round, but these comments shall not indicate the likely winner of the round.

    Results will be tabulated and simple awards, consisting of certificates, will be given at the end of the event. The purpose of the fifth round, if used, will be to give the inexperienced debaters a chance to see some of the better debaters work, thus giving them a chance to see how they might improve their own skills.

3. 2-Day Tournament

    As the name indicates, the 2-Day tournament takes place over two days, typically Friday and Saturday. The first six rounds are called the "Preliminaries". Four or five preliminary rounds are held on Friday, and the remaining one or two rounds are held on Saturday morning.

    The most successful teams (winning the most rounds) in the Preliminaries are advanced to the "Outrounds". The Outrounds are a single elimination series leading to a final round to determine the winner of the tournament. The number of Outrounds depends on the number of teams participating in the tournament, but three outrounds is common (quarterfinal, semifinal, and final). In no case shall more than three Outrounds scheduled for a given event.

    As with the Round Robin, a good mix of community and club-affiliated judges is desired. Stop-Start format will not be used at tournaments. Judges may make brief comments after the round, but shall not reveal the likely winner.

    Awards will be given at the end of the tournament. Team awards go to those breaking into outrounds, with placings based on the outround results. Speaker awards are based on speaker points given by the judges during the six preliminary rounds.

B. Speech Events

    1. Club Work Day

        A Speech Club Work Day may be held on a Saturday with two or three Speech rounds, with times scheduled at the discretion of the Event Director. The purpose of the day is to give novice Speech participants and their parents an opportunity to practice what has been learned in their classes and/or club in a low pressure, minimally competitive setting. Parents (or other team affiliated judges) should be the primary, if not exclusive, judges for this event, giving them practice in their judging responsibilities.

The vision for the Speech Club Work Day is that it will provide active, experienced clubs the opportunity to help newly organized clubs. Rather than having all clubs travel to a single location, newly organized clubs will travel to the location of an established club, preferably one relatively close by. The experienced coaches, parents and debaters will be responsible for guiding the new participants through the various aspects of the day.

2. Tournament

Speech Tournaments will be held on Saturdays, unless otherwise approved by the CCNW Board. A tournament shall consist of two preliminary rounds in the morning, and a third round in the afternoon. For individual events with 9 or fewer participants, the third round shall be a standard round and standings shall be based on the composite performance over all three rounds.

For individual events with more than 9 participants, the third round shall be a final round advancing the participants with the best scores in the first two rounds. Standings shall be based only on the results of the scores of the final round.

III. CCNW Event Seasons and Scheduling Limitations

A. Responsibility for Event Scheduling

The CCNW Board has sole responsibility and authority for developing and issuing the schedule for all CCNW competitive events including selecting event dates and locations. The CCNW Board will endeavor to accommodate all CCNW clubs to the greatest extent practicable in their preferences for dates and locations. But, the Board will make all final decisions regarding schedules.

B. Speech Event Scheduling

1. Speech Season.

All competitive CCNW Speech events will be held during the fall semester. No Speech event will be scheduled earlier than October 15, and no Speech event will be scheduled later than December 15.

2. Number and Timing of Speech Events.

a. CCNW will not schedule more than three (03) competitive Speech events in any season.

b. CCNW will not schedule consecutive competitive Speech events any closer than three (03) weeks apart.

C. Debate Event Scheduling

1. Debate Season.

All competitive CCNW Debate events will be held during the spring semester. No Debate event will be scheduled earlier than January 10, and no Debate event will be scheduled later than May 20.

a. CCNW will not schedule more than five (05) competitive Debate events in any season. Each year the first event will be the Club Work Day (of which there will be only one), and no more than two of the five events will be 2-Day Tournaments.

b. CCNW will not schedule consecutive competitive Debate events any closer than three (03) weeks apart.

D. Criteria for Selection of Event Locations

1. Balance of Hosting and Travel

With consideration given to the preferences of the CCNW club leadership, the CCNW Board will endeavor to develop a schedule that provides a balance of the work and costs involved with hosting and the work and costs involved with travel. Within this arrangement, it is likely that smaller clubs will travel more often than larger clubs. The rationale behind this being that overall fewer people will be traveling, and smaller clubs are less likely to have the manpower and resources to complete all the work associated with hosting. Smaller clubs traveling to larger club locations also increases the potential for host housing opportunities to reduce overall travel costs. However, within the framework just described, CCNW's goal will be to allow all clubs that desire to host the opportunity to do so at reasonable intervals.

2. Event Size Limitations

As the number of participants increase, so does the difficulty of finding a suitable facility. Larger numbers of participants also increases the number of community judges needed. Because of these types of considerations, it is the intent of CCNW to limit the number of participants at competitive events.

a. Debate Event Size Limitations

i. Club Work Days

The intent of the club work day is to allow clubs to stay close to home and make it as easy as possible for both debaters and parents to be involved. The ideal arrangement is for an established, experienced club to host, and to have a limited number of participants from newer, less experienced clubs join them to learn first hand CCNW's methods and practices. There are no guidelines for the minimum or the maximum number of participants at debate Club Work Days. Scheduling and club assignments will be made each year on a case-by-case basis.

ii. Round Robins

The minimum number of clubs at a Round Robin shall be three (03), and the minimum number of teams shall be eight (08).

Unless otherwise approved by the CCNW Board, the maximum number of teams shall be thirty two (32).

iii. 2-Day Tournaments

The minimum number of clubs at a 2-Day Tournament shall be three (03), and the minimum number of teams shall be twelve (12).

Unless otherwise approved by the CCNW Board, the maximum number of teams shall be forty (40).

b. Speech Event Size Limitations

To Be Developed.

3. Multiple, Simultaneous Events

To maintain participations levels to those listed above, CCNW may employ a system where multiple event locations are scheduled for a given weekend, or successive weekends. Then a portion of participants will be assigned to one location, and another portion to a second, and possibly more depending on the total numbers involved. For example, on the 2nd Saturday in February, Club A would host Club A, Club B and Club C in a Round Robin. Then on the 3rd Saturday in February (because a facility could not be arranged on the 2nd Saturday) Club D would host Club D, Club E, and Club F in a second, separate Round Robin.

When multiple, simultaneous events are scheduled, participants will be required to register and participate at the assigned location. This may not always be the closest, most convenient, or preferred location. Under such circumstances assignments will be based on an attempt to balance a variety of factors including travel, hosting abilities, variety of competition (not always seeing the same clubs), and other factors considered relevant by the CCNW Board. Exceptions from specific assignments may be granted on a case-by-case basis for specific teams with extreme hardships.

B1.3 Debate Event Rules and Procedures

I. Balance of Affirmative and Negative Rounds

At all competitive CCNW debate events, all teams shall be scheduled for an equal number of Affirmative and Negative rounds. Where "Bye" rounds are necessary, the "Bye" may be either an Affirmative or Negative round as appropriate.

II. Byes

A. General

"Byes" will occur whenever an odd number of teams are participating in a competitive debate event. When "Byes" are necessary, the following shall apply:

B. Rules for "Byes"

1. No team shall be scheduled for more than one "bye" at any event.

2. To the extent practicable, "Byes" should be balanced across the various clubs participating in proportion to the number of teams.

3. Teams receiving a "Bye" will have that round counted as a win.

4. When a team receives a "Bye", the speaker score for the debaters in that round shall be the average of the scores from the other rounds at that event that are used for determining speaker awards (Outround scores are not included).

III. General Tabulation (Tab) Room Protocol

See Chapter B2.1.V, the instructions for the Tabulation (Tab) Room Coordinator, for detailed procedures for tab room operations.

IV. Team Standing Tiebreakers

The final team standing for all competitive debate events shall be based on the following criteria in the order listed. When teams are equal for a given criteria, use the next lower criteria until one team is found to be superior to the other.

A. Round Robin Team Standing Tiebreaking

1. Win-Loss. A team with the greater number of wins ranks above a team with fewer wins.

2. Speaker Points. The speaker points for each team are totaled. A team with a higher speaker point total ranks above a team with a lower speaker point total.

3. Speaker Ranks. The speaker ranks for each team are totaled. A team with a lower speaker rank total ranks above a team with a higher speaker rank total.

4. Opponent Wins. The number of rounds won by opponents for each team is totaled. A team whose opponents have a higher number of total wins ranks above a team whose opponents have a lower number of total wins.

5. Opponent Speaker Points. The number of rounds won by opponents for each team is totaled. A team whose opponents have a higher number of total wins ranks above a team whose opponents have a lower number of total wins.

6. Random Number. The tab room software shall generate a random number for each team. The team receiving the larger random number shall be designated the higher ranked team for award certificate purposes. However, the teams shall be announced as tied at the awards ceremony.

7. TRPC software settings. If the TRPC tab room software is used, the above tiebreaking arrangement shall be implemented using the following one-letter codes in order in the tournament setup (W-P-R-O-Y-X).

B. 2-Day Tournament Team Standing Tiebreaking

1. General. The following tiebreakers shall be used both at the end of the Preliminary Rounds to determine advancement to and rankings in the Outround bracket, as well as the final ranking of teams losing in the quarterfinal and semifinal rounds.

2. Win-Loss. A team with the greater number of wins ranks above a team with fewer wins.

3. High-Low Speaker Points. The speaker points for each team are totaled with the round with the highest team points and the round with the lowest team points omitted.

4. Double High-Low Speaker Points. The speaker points for each team are totaled with the rounds with the highest and second highest team points and the rounds with the lowest and second lowest team points omitted.

5. Speaker Points. The speaker points for each team are totaled. A team with a higher speaker point total ranks above a team with a lower speaker point total.

6. Speaker Ranks. The speaker ranks for each team are totaled. A team with a lower speaker rank total ranks above a team with a higher speaker rank total.

7. Opponent Wins. The number of rounds won by opponents for each team is totaled. A team who opponents have a higher number of total wins ranks above a team whose opponents have a lower number of total wins.

8. Opponent Speaker Points. The number of rounds won by opponents for each team is totaled. A team who opponents have a higher number of total wins ranks above a team whose opponents have a lower number of total wins.

9. Random Number. The tab room software shall generate a random number for each team. The team receiving the larger random number shall be designated the higher ranked team for award certificate purposes. However, the teams shall be announced as tied at the awards ceremony.

10. TRPC software settings. If the TRPC tab room software is used, the above tiebreaking arrangement shall be implemented using the following one-letter codes in order in the tournament setup (W-H- D-P- R-O-Y-X).

V. Speaker Standing Tiebreakers

The final speaker standing for all competitive debate events shall be based on the following criteria in the order listed. When speakers are equal for a given criteria, use the next lower criteria until one speaker is found to be superior to the other.

A. Round Robin Speaker Standing Tiebreakers

1. Speaker Points. The speaker points for each speaker are totaled. A speaker with a higher speaker point total ranks above a speaker with a lower speaker point total.

2. High-Low Speaker Points. The speaker points for each speaker are totaled with the round with the highest speaker points and the round with the lowest speaker points omitted.

3. Speaker Ranks. The speaker ranks for each speaker are totaled. A speaker with a lower speaker rank total ranks above a speaker with a higher speaker rank total.

4. High-Low Speaker Ranks. The speaker ranks for each speaker are totaled with the round with the best speaker rank (lowest number) and the round with the worst speaker rank (highest number) omitted.

5. Random Number. The tab room software shall generate a random number for each speaker. The speaker receiving the higher random number shall be designated the higher ranked speaker for award certificate purposes. However, the speakers shall be announced as tied at the awards ceremony.

B. <u>2-Day Tournament Speaker Standing Tiebreakers</u>

    1. High-Low Speaker Points. The speaker points for each speaker are totaled with the round with the highest speaker points and the round with the lowest speaker points omitted.

    2. Double High-Low Speaker Points. The speaker points for each speaker are totaled with the rounds with the highest and second highest speaker points and the rounds with the lowest and second lowest speaker points omitted.

    3. Speaker Points. The speaker points for each speaker are totaled. A speaker with a higher speaker point total ranks above a speaker with a lower speaker point total.

    4. High-Low Speaker Points. The speaker points for each speaker are totaled with the round with the highest speaker points and the round with the lowest speaker points omitted.

    5. Speaker Ranks. The speaker ranks for each speaker are totaled. A speaker with a lower speaker rank total ranks above a speaker with a higher speaker rank total.

    6. Random Number. The tab room software shall generate a random number for each speaker. The speaker receiving the higher random number shall be designated the higher ranked speaker for award certificate purposes. However, the speakers shall be announced as tied at the awards ceremony.

VI. Management of Outrounds for 2-Day Tournaments

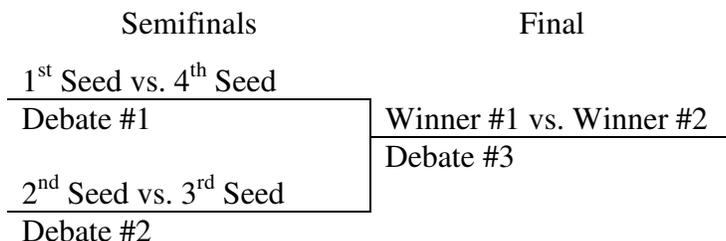A. <u>Outround Bracket Selection</u>

    1. In order to ensure that CCNW tournaments do not get excessively long, the maximum number of teams allowed to break into Outrounds shall be eight (08) teams breaking into a quarterfinal round.

    2. For tournaments with 14 or more teams, Outrounds shall consist of quarterfinal, semifinal, and final rounds.

    3. For tournaments with 13 or fewer teams, Outrounds shall consist of only semifinal and final rounds.

    4. No tournament shall break any team with less than a 3-win, 3-loss record from the Preliminary rounds.

B. <u>Number of Judges</u>

    1. All Outround debates shall have a minimum of three (03) judges for each debate.

    2. An odd number of judges shall be used for all Outround debates.

    3. The same number of judges shall be used for each debate at a given level of Outround. For example, all quarterfinal debates could have three (03) judges, both semifinal debates could have five (05) judges, and the final debate could have seven (07) judges. The purpose of this item is not to suggest or recommend additional judges beyond the minimum of three. It is only to ensure that all debates at a given level are treated equally.

C. Bracket Setup

1. Brackets For Semifinals (4 Teams Break to Outrounds)

Semifinals   Final

1st Seed vs. 4th Seed
Debate #1   Winner #1 vs. Winner #2
                             Debate #3

2nd Seed vs. 3rd Seed
Debate #2

2. Brackets For Quarterfinals (8 Teams Break to Outrounds)

Quarterfinals   Semifinals   Final

1st Seed vs. 8th Seed
Debate #1   Winner #1 vs. Winner #2
                      Debate #5

4th Seed vs. 5th Seed
Debate #2   Winner #5 vs. Winner #6
                                                  Debate #7

3rd Seed vs. 6th Seed
Debate #3   Winner #3 vs. Winner #4
                      Debate #6

2nd Seed vs. 7th Seed
Debate #4
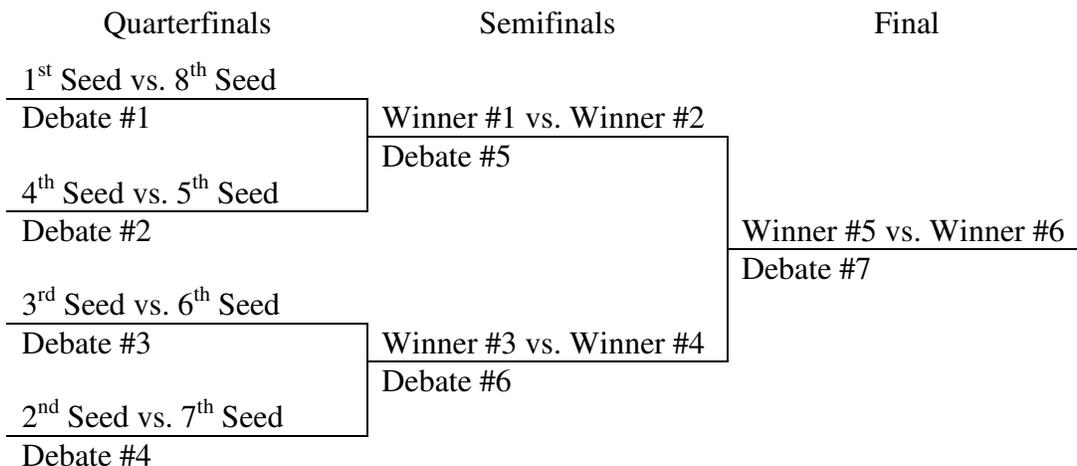
D. Miscellaneous Outround Requirements

1. Club protection does not apply during Outrounds. Brackets must be seeded exactly as shown.

2. If the two teams in a debate have not debated each other during the Preliminary Rounds for this Tournament, a coin toss will determine which team gets to decide if they prefer to be Affirmative or Negative. If the teams agree on sides, no coin toss is needed and the teams can take the selected sides.

3. If the two teams in a debate have debated each other during the Preliminary Rounds for this Tournament the teams will take the opposite side from that of the Preliminary Round. The team that was Affirmative in the Preliminary Round must be Negative in the Outround, and vice versa.

B1.4   Speech Event Rules and Procedures

      TBD

B1.5   Award Requirements and Restrictions.

I.   CCNW Philosophy for Awards

As noted above in the Education and Competition section, "Winning rounds and awards are designed to provide some visible measure of accomplishment and reward for the significant effort invested in debate. But, they are not the real goal." To help keep participants from becoming overly focused on awards, CCNW believes in keeping the few awards given small and simple. Limitations on awards also furthers CCNW's goal of containing costs to keep participation in CCNW affordable for CCNW families.

II.   Debate Event Awards

A. <u>Club Work Days</u>

No achievement or performance based awards are to be given at Club Work Days. Win-Loss records will not be tabulated. All participants should be given paper Certificates of Participation in recognition of the work and commitment that went into their preparations.

B. <u>Round Robins</u>

1. General

All recognition and awards shall be limited to paper certificates.

2. Participation Recognition

All participants shall be given paper Certificates of Participation in recognition of the work and commitment that went into their preparations.

3. Speaker Awards

Paper Certificates of Award shall be given to the debaters with the best speaker scores accumulated through the course of the day. The tie-breaker procedures for speakers with identical speaker point totals are described elsewhere in this manual.

Awards shall be given to the top quarter to the top third of participants. The exact number to be awarded is to be determined by the Event Director.

4. Team Awards

Paper Certificates of Award shall be given to the debate teams with the best win-loss records accumulated through the course of the day. The tie-breaker procedures for teams with identical win-loss records are described elsewhere in this manual.

Awards shall be given to the top quarter to the top third of participants. The exact number to be awarded is to be determined by the Event Director.

C. 2-Day Tournaments

   1. General

     Recognition shall include paper certificates, ribbons, medals and small trophies as specified in the following sections. The applicable awards shall be in conformance with the following, or suitable substitute of comparable quality and cost:

     a. Paper Certificates. Certificates shall be nominally 8"x10" in size and printed on good quality certificate paper or material of comparable quality. Award certificates may be of higher quality than participation certificates.

     b. Ribbons. Ribbons shall be rosette style with three ribbons attached.

     c. Medals. Medals shall be a maximum of 2-3" in size.

     d. Trophies. The largest trophies shall be a maximum of 8-10" tall.

   2. Participation Recognition

     All participants shall be given paper Certificates of Participation in recognition of the work and commitment that went into their preparations.

   3. Speaker Awards

     Medals, Ribbons, and Paper Certificates of Award shall be given to the debaters with the best speaker scores accumulated through the course of the day. The tie-breaker procedures for speakers with identical speaker point totals are described elsewhere in this manual.

     Awards shall be given to the top quarter to the top third of participants. The exact number to be awarded is to be determined by the Event Director.

     Approximately the upper third to upper half of the speaker awards (best speakers) shall be awarded medals. The remaining speaker awards shall consist of ribbons. All medals and ribbons shall be accompanied by paper certificates.

   4. Team Awards

     Awards shall be given to the top quarter to the top third of participants. In smaller tournaments where a larger proportion of teams break into the Outrounds, a higher proportion of teams may be given team awards. The exact number to be awarded is to be determined by the Event Director. The tie-breaker procedures for teams with identical win-loss records are described elsewhere in this manual.

     Approximately the upper third to upper half of the team awards (best teams) shall be awarded trophies or medals. Trophies shall be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place teams. The next group of teams in the final rankings filling out the top portion shall be awarded medals. The remaining team awards shall consist of ribbons. All trophies, medals and ribbons shall be accompanied by paper certificates of award.

III. Speech Event Awards

    A. <u>Club Work Days</u>

    No achievement or performance based awards are to be given at Club Work Days. Round placement records will not be tabulated. All participants should be given paper Certificates of Participation in recognition of the work and commitment that went into their preparations.

    B. <u>Speech Tournaments</u>

      1. General

      Recognition shall include paper certificates, ribbons and medals as specified in the following sections. The applicable awards shall be in conformance with the following, or suitable substitute of comparable quality and cost:

        a. Paper Certificates. Certificates shall be nominally 8"x10" in size and printed on good quality certificate paper or material of comparable quality. Award certificates may be of higher quality than participation certificates.

        b. Ribbons. Ribbons shall be rosette style with three ribbons attached.

        c. Medals. Medals shall be a maximum of 2-3" in size.

      2. Participation Recognition

      All participants shall be given paper Certificates of Participation in recognition of the work and commitment that went into their preparations.

      3. Speech Event Awards

      Medals, Ribbons, and Paper Certificates of Award shall be given to the Speech Participants with the best highest final rankings at the end of the event. Tabulation of Speech Rounds and determination of rankings is addressed elsewhere in this Manual.

      Awards shall be given to the top 25% to the top 40% of participants. The exact number to be awarded is to be determined by the Event Director.

      Approximately the upper third to upper half of the speaker awards (best speakers) shall be awarded medals. The remaining speaker awards shall consist of ribbons. All medals and ribbons shall be accompanied by paper certificates.