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Congress Procedure Changes

There will be 24 Preliminary Chambers of 11-12 Students each.
Chamber assignments will be released at 6pm EDT on Friday, May 28.

There will be an “Introductions & Caucus” Session for Students on Friday at 6:15pm EDT. This is an optional session. It will be supervised by the Parliamentarian in each Chamber.

This year because of the increased numbers we will initially break to Quarters. The top 4 students from each Preliminary Chamber will move on to Quarters. There will be 8 Chambers of 12 Students each in “Quarters”. The top 4 students from each Quarter Chamber will move on to Semis. There will be 3 Chambers of 10-12 Students in “Semis”. The top 4 students from each Semis Chamber will move on to Finals. There will be 1 Chamber of 12 Students in Finals.

Each of the three Preliminary Sessions will have 2.5 Hours of debate time and no more than 20 minutes of recess time per session. Quarters will have two 1.5 hour sessions of debate with no more than 30 minutes of recess time total. Semis will have 3.5 hours total of debate time divided between two sessions with no more than 30 minutes of recess time total. Finals will have 4 hours total of debate time with two 2-hour sessions, with no more than 45 minutes of recess time total. Recess time cannot reduce debate time, and debate time cannot be extended beyond the allotted maximum per session.

For each session the Tab Room will provide a Pre-Precedence chart to use for Speeches. And the reverse of that chart will be used for Questioning. Prior to the beginning of Round One, the Clerk of Congress will randomize the members of each chamber into a preset list for speech precedence. This list does not assign speaker order, but it is to be used in assisting the Presiding Officer for who to recognize in the case that two or more legislators stand to be recognized for a speech prior to precedence and recency being established in the room. The Clerk of Congress will invert this initial list in order to establish preset precedence for questions. This process must occur at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of each session. Each session must have a new preset precedence list.