

The following is a brief summary of revisions made to the Stoa debate rules for the 2016-17 season. This is intended to help coaches and students note where revisions have been made.

This document should not be used in place of reading the current rules and becoming familiar with the actual language.

All Debate Events:

- The debate committee endeavored to make the rules for the three debate formats as consistent as possible.
- Language in the rules for all three debate formats have been simplified by excluding unnecessary words when possible, and adding clarity where ambiguity existed.

LD Debate:

- Section I: Statement of purpose was shortened and reworded.
- Section II: The roles of the affirmative and negative have been simplified.
- Section III: "Resolutions" has been removed.
- Section IV. C. 2 "Time Limits", has been removed.
- Section IV. E. 3, has been modified for added clarity as to when preparation time begins.
- Section IV. F. 1 & 2 Evidence is defined and the qualifications for evidence are listed.
- Section IV. G. "The Judge". The language has been simplified and paired down.

TP Debate:

- Section I: Wording modified.
- Section IV. 1 & 2 are incorporated into Section II.
- Section IV. 3 is included with evidence section.
- Section IV. 4 is eliminated.
- Section IV. D. 1 is eliminated.
- Section IV. E. 3 is eliminated due to being dealt with above in same section.
- Section IV. I "The Judge": point 1 was removed. A new point 4 was added to give the judge direction regarding the mishandling of evidence.

Parli Debate:

- Section II "Parliamentary Debate Team Eligibility: Date was changed to October 1st to be consistent with the new Stoa overall age date.
- Section III "Resolutions" was eliminated. This is not to imply that parli resolutions will be different in Stoa. This section was removed because the type of resolutions in parli are part of tournament procedures, not rules for competitors.
- Section IV. 3 & 4 removed for simplicity.
- Section V. 2: The preparation and the walk time have been combined for simplicity. Students will have a 20 minute total to prepare and walk to their competition room.
- Section VI. B. 3 & 4 combined and simplified.
- Section VI. C. "Materials" changed to "Information".
- Section VI. E. 1, 2, 3: Wording simplified and direction giving for judging panel