Examples for Speech Penalty Re-Ranking

The purpose of the following re-ranking scenarios is to help illustrate the proper application of Stoa's re-ranking guidelines. These scenarios are intended for training purposes.

Scenario 1
No penalties.

Name of Speaker	Original Rank	Penalties in Rank	Re-Ranking	Final Rank
Micah	6			6
Raymond	2			2
Heather	8			8
Jorge	4			4
Kendall	1			1
Addison	5			5
Thaddeus	7			7
Nevaeh	3			3

Scenario 2
A single one-rank penalty only; two competitors simply switch places.

Name of Speaker	Original Rank	Penalties in Rank	Re-Ranking	Final Rank
Micah	6		6	6
Raymond	2	1	3	3
Heather	8		8	8
Jorge	4		4	4
Kendall	1		1	1
Addison	5		5	5
Thaddeus	7		7	7
Nevaeh	3		3	2

Scenario 3
More complex; six competitors are affected by three penalties.

Name of Speaker	Original Rank	Penalties in Rank	Re-Ranking	Final Rank
Micah	6		6	3
Raymond	2	2	4	4
Heather	8		8	8
Jorge	4	1	5	6
Kendall	1	3	4	5
Addison	5		5	2
Thaddeus	7		7	7
Nevaeh	3		3	1

Scenario 4
... and the last shall be first.

Name of Speaker	Original Rank	Penalties in Rank	Re-Ranking	Final Rank
Micah	1	1	2	2
Raymond	2	1	3	3
Heather	3	1	4	4
Jorge	4	1	5	5
Kendall	5	1	6	6
Addison	6	1	7	7
Thaddeus	7	1	8	8
Nevaeh	8		8	1

Scenario 5

Remember that if a competitor has a penalty, their final rank can be worse than or equal to their re-rank, but not better (unless the exception occurs). On the other hand, if a competitor does not have a penalty, their final rank can be better than or equal to their re-rank, but not worse.

Name of Speaker	Original Rank	Penalties in Rank	Re-Ranking	Final Rank
Micah	2	2	4	4
Raymond	6		6	3
Heather	1	3	4	5
Jorge	3		3	1
Kendall	7	1	8	8
Addison	4	1	5	6
Thaddeus	5		5	2
Nevaeh	8		8	7

Scenario 6

Here is the exception to guideline #2: There cannot be any final rank(s) worse than the total number of competitors in the room, so each competitor is returned to their original rank because all competitors received an equal penalty. In particular, notice how this affects Nevaeh, who cannot be ranked ninth because there were only eight competitors in the room.

Name of Speaker	Original Rank	Penalties in Rank	Re-Ranking	Final Rank
Micah	1	1	2	1
Raymond	2	1	3	2
Heather	3	1	4	3
Jorge	4	1	5	4
Kendall	5	1	6	5
Addison	6	1	7	6
Thaddeus	7	1	8	7
Nevaeh	8	1	9	8

Scenario 7

Here is the exception to guideline #2 coming into play again, but in a more complex situation. Remember, there cannot be any final rank(s) worse than the total number of competitors in the room. Look at how it affects Jorge's and Kendall's final rankings.

Name of Speaker	Original Rank	Penalties in Rank	Re-Ranking	Final Rank
Micah	1	1	2	2
Raymond	2	1	3	3
Heather	3	3	6	6
Jorge	4	1	5	4
Kendall	5	1	6	5
Addison	6	1	7	7
Thaddeus	7	1	8	8
Nevaeh	8		8	1

Training Tips

Stoa recommends that all Ballot Return staff (and possibly Tab staff as well) be trained in the proper re-ranking procedure before the first round of speech ballots begin to arrive. We recommend that you first explain the re-ranking guidelines and answer the staff members' questions. Then, have the staff members practice re-ranking using the scenarios above (or similar scenarios), with a follow-up explanation and review after each practice scenario. To create practice worksheets, you can simply create tables like those above and fill in student names, original ranks, and penalties. Tournament staff members often start to understand pretty well after three or more scenarios, particularly if some advanced scenarios are included and discussed.