



Debate Executive Summary 2019-2020

The following is a brief summary of revisions made to the Stoa debate rules for the 2019-20 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.

Lincoln Douglas Debate:

- Section III. C. 6: clarified that a stand-alone calculator is an allowed electronic device.
- Section III. F. 2. (b): updated to specify what constitutes a full source citation.
- Section III. F. 2. (c): required debaters to read complete sentences from cut evidence, without omitting any words or phrases (information in parentheses excepted).
- Section III. F. 2. (d): specified that evidence may not be pieced together from non-contiguous sections of an article.
- Section III. F. 2. (k): clarified that fabrication of information is prohibited.

Team Policy Debate:

- Section III. D. 6: clarified that a stand-alone calculator is an allowed electronic device.
- Section III. H. 2. (b): updated to specify what constitutes a full source citation.
- Section III. H. 2. (c): required debaters to read complete sentences from cut evidence, without omitting any words or phrases (information in parentheses excepted).
- Section III. H. 2. (d): specified that evidence may not be pieced together from non-contiguous sections of an article.
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Parliamentary Debate:

- Section V. C. 1: clarified that evidence in Parliamentary debate is not equivalent to evidence in Team Policy. All types of support are treated equally in Parliamentary debate rounds.
- Section V. C. 2: defined types of support in Parliamentary debate.
- Section V. C. 3: clarified that debaters should utilize information within the realm of knowledge of education and informed citizens.
- Section V. C. 4: strengthened wording to specify that judges may disallow overly specific information.
- Section V. C. 5: clarified that fabrication of information is prohibited.
- Section V. C. 7: allowed the use of a stand-alone calculator.
- Section V. G. 1-4: added rules regarding the judge and disciplinary action.