

Executive Summary of Speech Document Changes for 2020-2021

Ballots

1. Simplified wording and improved formatting on all ballots
2. Reworked Apologetics and Mars Hill ballots to focus more on content than delivery
3. Updated Oratory Analysis Content criteria to emphasize analysis

Rules

4. Added language in preparation and presentation rules referencing plagiarism
 - a. Interpretations - new preparation rule - “The competitor must create a completely original interpretation of literature. See the **Stoa Plagiarism Policy.**”
 - b. Platforms - added to Presentation rule on citing sources- “See the **Stoa Plagiarism Policy.**”
 - c. Limited Prep - addition to presentation rules on citing sources - “When quoting information or data from an outside source, the source must be verbally cited during the speech. Use of another person’s words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and is strictly forbidden. See the **Stoa Plagiarism Policy.**”
 - d. Platforms - clarified citing of sources. “All sources must be cited in the text of the speech, identified verbally within the speech, and documented on the citation page.”
5. Oratory Analysis - changed Presentation Rule #1 “The competitor must present all or part of the original oration and provide an analysis of its context, purpose, message, and cultural impact.”
6. Extemporaneous Prep Room Protocol - added a new rule to Competitor Responsibilities: “The use of headphones, earbuds, or similar devices during Extemp prep is not allowed.”

Other Documents

7. Stoa Plagiarism Policy created
8. Script Submission forms updated to reflect the proper citation of sources
9. Apologetics questions/topics revamped
10. Mars Hill topics updated
11. Mars Hill Overview language improved