

Debate Rules Executive Summary, 2022-2023

The following is an executive summary of revisions made to the Stoa debate rules for the 2022-2023 debate season. This summary is intended to help coaches and students note where revisions have been made.

Review of this document should not be used in place of reading the updated rules and becoming familiar with their actual language.

Lincoln-Douglas & Team Policy

- All references to, “a written source citation must include: i) Author (if available)” will be changed to ““a written source citation must include: i) All authors (if available).” This change is being made to improve the completeness and accuracy of citations of documents that are written by multiple authors. Thenceforth, all authors on a given piece of evidence must be included on evidence cards in order to be compliant with minimum Stoa evidence standards.

This change affects the following sections of Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Rules: F.2)b)i).

This change affects the following sections of Stoa Team Policy Rules: H.2)b)i).

Lincoln-Douglas

- Lincoln-Douglas preparation time will now be extended from three minutes to four minutes. This change is being made in light of several factors:
 - 1) Lincoln-Douglas is held to the same evidence standards as Team Policy but does not have the benefit of multiple partners able to review evidence during cross-examination and preparation time; adding preparation time provides Lincoln-Douglas debaters better ability to review and debate evidence;
 - 2) Lincoln-Douglas rounds run for approximately half the time of Team Policy rounds, and adding additional preparation time will give students greater opportunity to make the most of the time provided; and
 - 3) the rebuttal speeches in Lincoln-Douglas tend to become more content poor as the round progresses, and providing additional preparation time provides students with greater opportunity to develop robust 2NRs and 2ARs.

This change affects the following sections of Stoa Lincoln-Douglas Rules: E.1).