

Novice Parliamentary Procedure LDE Clarifying Information

- 1. Event Order of Business.** At the scheduled time we will have a quick meeting where I will answer any questions you or the students may have. After, all advisors/guests will be asked to leave while students stay in the room to take the written exam. After the exam we will score everything and get a team average to determine order for seeding. Just like in senior we will have the rank determined then teams starting with the highest average will choose where they go in the order. We only will have one room with only one demonstration per team.

After order is determined, teams will go to the holding room and wait there until escorted to the demonstration room. After the demonstration, each member including the chair/president will be asked 1 oral question. However, each question could have 2 or 3 parts to it similar to how Sr. Par Law Questions are sometimes formatted. Questions will be on their required motion. Chair/President question could be anything from how they would rule on a specific motion or on conducting a meeting. Possible questions on motions will only be based off of the list of possible motions on the state page.

After oral questions they are free to leave to find you or wait until we announce the top 4 teams. We will not say who got what, just announce who made it in the top 4 in random order.

No Clarification questions will be asked.

- 2. No opening/closing ceremonies.** If you win State and compete at National Convention you will need to prepare students for the Conduct a Meeting event. This is where they combine ritual and par law into the same event. At state we strictly focus on the par law part.
- 3. Adjourning the meeting.** On the State Page with the Info on Event Procedures #12 it talks about opening ceremonies and ends with saying Adjourn will not be allowed. This is not correct. Any member may make an adjournment to end the meeting if that's how you would like it done. You can also have your chair/president adjourn to do consensus at the conclusion of business. Either way is fine as long as the meeting is adjourned correctly and they don't just pack up and walk out.
- 4. Testing.** For novice, written exam scores count for each individual's total score instead of a team average like in Sr. Division. So make sure your students know which chair number they sit at so they can include it on their scantron form. This makes things easier for everyone when we are trying to insert test scores into scoresheets.

The Written Exam will be 20 Multiple Choice questions over the 10 permissible motions and order of business. This could include questions regarding Meeting Minutes even though we don't have minutes in Novice.

- 5. Advisors will be allowed to watch their team only.** Other students will not be allowed in the room but Advisors and parents can be in the room. You also will only be able to watch your team. You won't be allowed to watch other teams.
- 6. Demonstrations.** Each member will be given a card with their required motion and with the main motion just like any other par law demonstration. No additional motions will be scored. If a student does make an additional no points will be awarded. However, if an additional is given incorrectly, they will receive a points deduction for parliamentary mistakes. For debates, there

will only be 3 debates per member. One of the required motions will be a debatable motion so members will not have to make a random one. The first 3 legal debates will be scored. If a 4th debate is given it will not be scored. In the past there have been multiple teams where students debated 3 or 4 times on one motion. That will be a large deduction in points for a parliamentary error. Only 2 debates per person, per motion is allowed unless extended or motion changed according to RRO.

- 7. Main Motion.** The main will can be made by anyone in the assembly. The main will not be one of the possible required motions on the card like it has in past years. So treat it as an additional. No points will be awarded for it, but it is something that someone on the team will have to make.