



Congress Rules & Topics

We will not use priority cards. The presiding officer position will be held by a person who is of high school age or older. The tournament will try to provide POs for every round.

Students are allowed to use manuscripts to present their arguments. Students are encouraged to take notes during the round and use their notes while speaking.

Every student will be given the opportunity to speak before a competitor is given a chance to speak twice.

Congress sessions are 60 minutes (max). At the end of 60 minutes, a vote will be taken to see whether the resolution passes or not. Competitors may motion to have a vote taken prior to the 60 minute time limit.

Speeches will be 3 minutes with 1 minute allowed for cross examination.

Topics must be debated in the round they are assigned. **In the third/final round students may vote on one of the two topics assigned to the round.** Motions cannot be made to debate a different topic.

Seating charts will not be used for this tournament. Please instruct each competitor to state their names before they speak.

Round 1 - Resolved: All schools should require uniforms

Round 2 - Resolved: All schools should ban homework

Round 3 - Resolved: The United States should abolish daylight savings time

Or Resolved: College tuition should be free in the United States.