



Tab Protocol:

NITOC 2025 uses the standard Stoa tabulations procedures set forth in the Stoa Joy of Tournaments Tabulation Instructions.

Debate Tab Procedures at NITOC

- Round 1 will be randomly paired.
- Rounds 2-6 will be paired using power-matching.
- It may be necessary to employ a bye due to an odd number of competitors in a debate event. The bye will be randomly assigned for the first round and to the low seed for the remaining preliminary rounds.
- Club Protection will be utilized for Preliminary rounds 1 through 4. Rounds 5 and 6, as well as all outrounds, will not use Club Protect.
- There is no state or sibling protection.
- Stoa USA NITOC tie breakers will be used to rank teams through preliminary progression.

Speech Tab Procedures at NITOC

- Speech events at NITOC will be seeded based on the rankings on the [Speechranks](#) website. Seeding is based on a student's three best performances during the speech and debate season.
- Preliminary Rounds of speech will be "power protected" rounds.
 - All preliminary rounds will spread the top-ranked students, one per section, equal to the number of sections per event. This has advantages for both the top-ranked students and those that are not highly ranked, as the competition is spread more evenly among the rooms.

- For the top students, this means they will not have to compete against the other top students in prelims. This should increase their chances of advancing to outrounds.
- For the lesser-ranked students, this means they will not have to endure a prelim round with all the top-ranked students in their room. This should also increase their chances of advancing to outrounds.
- **Due to the seeded nature of the Prelim Speech Rounds, should a student give a speech in the wrong room, a ranking penalty may apply, which can include being placed 8th or last in the room.**
- Extemporaneous - No preferential treatment (like adjusted draw time or escorts) will be given for students based on the number events in that pattern. Please keep this in mind when registering for Extemp at NITOC.
- There is no state or sibling protection.