

Contest:	Parliamentary Procedure
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Issue: (Rationale/Reason)	<p>There have been many issues with the contest over the years;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lack of Balanced Rooms in Rotations for Preliminaries and Semi-Finals at State Finals. Using the test as a seeding mechanism would take care of this. 2. Lack of transparency of scores of all teams by all coaches and team members to enable members and coaches the ability to improve on areas they were "beat" in. If we cannot see where we lost how can know where the contest was won or lost? Receiving our scores alone does not show the whole picture when you have nothing to compare it to. There is no reason why scores cannot be posted like they are with every other contest while still maintaining anonymity of judges. Upon request, coaches may obtain access to the original scorecards from state finals. (This is so that in case there is a tabulations error or serious inconsistency they can confirm/clarify) 3. The Judging in the Finals needs to be more consistent, pre-determined and by qualified judges every time. Not based on who is left in the contest or wants to judge. Paid out of state judges if necessary. 4. Motions that Bring A Quest Again Before the Assembly- these are not scored well, so make them like Nationals where students have to think on their feet. The debates will be scored more fairly too. 5. Time limit needs to be increased. Teams that have great content should have great debate scores and use the time or not, but they should have the flexibility. It's 11 minutes at Nationals. 6. All competitors on the qualifying CCM teams be 7th, 8th or 9th graders at the time of state competition (this is what the Nationals rubric says) 7. The announcement of the team to represent CA at CCM be made at the State Finals results, so teams do not have to wait. 8. Indication of qualified teams for the Conduct of Chapter meetings be determined and recognized prior to state finals.
This proposal will require a contest to open out of rotation.	X
The change will affect General Rules.	
The change will affect the awards needed.	
The proposed change will affect tabulations.	X
The proposed change will affect contest forms.	
The proposed change will affect contest hosting site. (e.g. additional facilities, new sections,	It is unclear to me if this affects tabulations. The tabulations would be necessary in order to determine a winner anyway, so I am not sure what additional tabs are required. This is out of rotation, but greatly in need of being discussed and changed.

additional scoring, etc.)	
Description of What is Changing:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Seeding of teams based on test night prior to actual event. 2. Posting of all final scores after the event for transparency and to enable this event to be a teachable moment for our students. 3. Motions to "Bring a Question Again Before the Assembly"- have those on the cards as opposed to receiving high marks on debates for the canned debates we have heard time and again. Helps to prepare teams for the National Contest and eliminates any unnecessary use of the motions when not on the card. 4. Use of qualified, pre-determined judges to judge the finals rounds and even some of the semi-finals rounds of the event. Our students and coaches work hard and deserve people who want to be judges not who have to be judges. Flexibility in paying for judges from out of state, if necessary, to judge our state finals contest. 5. Timeframe change necessary. Nationals contest allows for 11 minutes and every team in the Finals went overtime because the debates are so strong. You want the debates to great- give them more time and reward them for their content. 6. All competitors on the qualifying CCM teams be 7th, 8th or 9th graders at the time of state competition (this is what the Nationals rubric says) 7. The announcement of the team to represent CA at CCM be made at the State Finals results, so teams do not have to wait. 8. Indication of qualified teams for the Conduct of Chapter meetings be determined and recognized prior to state finals.
Proposed CATA Code Change:	<p>Use the test the night before the contest to seed the "quarter final" rooms for teams, as opposed to using the regional system as has previously been done. Some regions are much stronger and deeper than others making some rooms much tougher than others. The seeding by way of testing also puts this contest on par with the National Parli-Pro Contest. (See Form 5 for Quarter Finals Room Placements)</p> <p>At the conclusion of the State Finals Parli-Pro Contest, all results will be given to the coaches and their teams, as well as posted on the website or printed with points and ranking of teams as listed by judges anonymously. This will enable all scores and tabulations to be checked for accuracy, as well as see where other teams are outscoring them to better prepare their teams for upcoming years. (B. At the section, region and state levels of competition the coach of each team will receive an anonymous hard copy of each judge's score or one will be made available online. C. At the conclusion of the State FFA Parli-Pro Finals Contest all participating teams will receive a hard copy of each judge's scorecard.)</p> <p>Motions that bring a question again before the assembly If the officials in charge designate Take from the Table, Rescind or Reconsider as a motion to be demonstrated, a scenario will be included on the event card. These motions shall not be used unless listed on the event card as a required motion.(G. If the officials in charge designate "rescind, reconsider or take from the table" as a motion to be demonstrated, you could assume that you would rescind, reconsider or take from the table a motion that you did at your last meeting. Example: "I move to rescind the motion that passed at our last meeting about having an FFA hayride." These</p>

motions should not be used unless designated by the official in charge. Teams are discouraged from having a canned debate on rescind or reconsider.)

Use of qualified, pre-determined judges to judge the finals rounds and even some of the semi-finals rounds of the event. Our students and coaches work hard and deserve people who want to be judges not who have to be judges. Currently, there is nothing in the rules that stipulates where the judges will come from or their qualifications.

Time Limit and Deductions A team shall be allowed 11 minutes in which to demonstrate knowledge of parliamentary law. A deduction of two points/second for every second over 11 minutes will be assessed. Example: 11:05 = 10-point deduction. A timekeeper will furnish the time used by each team at the close of the event. (K. A team shall be allowed a maximum of ten minutes in which to demonstrate its knowledge of parliamentary law without penalty. The ten minutes will begin when the chair states "Is there any further business that should be presented to the chapter at this time?" and end when the chair adjourns the meeting by the tap of the gavel. A digital time keeping device large enough for contestants and judges to see will be used in each demonstration room. Judges will record each team's demonstration time on their scorecard. A deduction of 2 points will be made for every second over 10 minutes and 30 seconds. A timekeeper will furnish the time used by each team at the close of the event.)

All competitors on the qualifying CCM teams be 7th, 8th or 9th graders at the time of state competition (this is what the Nationals rubric says)No mention of who represents the California team at Nationals in our curricular code, as of yet.

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