BEFORE WE GET STARTED

Remember to register your attendance and complete session evaluations.

Session numbers are in your program.











Hello! I am Rory McKenzie

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"Judges don't make wrong decisions."

Read it again.



1. Types of Judges

Vocabulary

Types of Judge Identification

Stock Issues

These judges determine if the affirmative upholds the prima facie burden of maintaining all of the stock issues. If they don't, they vote negative.

Policy Maker

These judges view the winner of the debate as the side that promotes the best policy option.

Tabula Rasa

Meaning "clean slate", these judges are open to evaluating the round in multiple ways that the debaters determine. 25 Stock Issues

40 Policymakers

42 Tabula Rasa

6 "Others" that I did not categorize



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2. Other Information

Argument Preferences

Take these with a grain of salt.

Numerical rankings are hard.

When in doubt, ask questions.



Explanatory Notes

- x Quantity of Arguments (1, low to 5, high)
- x Topicality (1, rarely to 5, often)
- x CPs, Conditional Arguments, Kritiks (1, unacceptable to 5, acceptable)
- x DAs (1, not essential to 5, essential)



A (HS), B (Coach HS), C (Coach College), D (NDT College), E (CEDA College), J (LD College), K (Parli College)



Numerical Rankings

Extreme - 5s

Generally open to anything. "You do you!"

(I think sometimes, 3s across mean the same thing.)

Extreme - 1s

"Truth".

Rarer than it may have been in the past. Case debates more prioritized.

Ranges

Use written to help. Be willing to ask questions.

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3. Free Responses

Learning about Your Judge

If you take away a second thing from me today, let it be this:

"Stop reading what you want to read in the paradigm."

Some Terminology

"Threshold"

Although I have a high threshold on topicality.

Typically related to the "judgment calls". Judges try to tell you how easily they vote.

High = it takes a lot to get judge to vote on it.

Low = less work is needed.

"Tech over Truth"

comparing worlds paradigm and am a tech over truth,

Tech = the skill/technique in debating

Truth = truth of the argument being made

"Role of the Ballot"

clearly explain the role of the ballot.

Usually a "tabula rasa" inclusion, it's a reminder to explain what the actually does.
(Real vs. Real World impacts)

PLEASE READ

If your judge has taken the time to write a paradigm, be sure that you've read it.



4. Specific Arguments

Tailoring Adaptation

You're a "Stock Issues" debater with a "Policy" judge.

- x Topicality is a lower priority
- x Offensive case positions.
 - x So...avoid inherency.
- x External offense or turns.



You're a "Stock Issues" debater with a "Tab" judge.

- x Topicality beyond interp and violation.
- x Defensive positions need a voting justification.
- x External offense or turns.



You're a "Policy/Tab" debater with a "Stock Issues" judge.

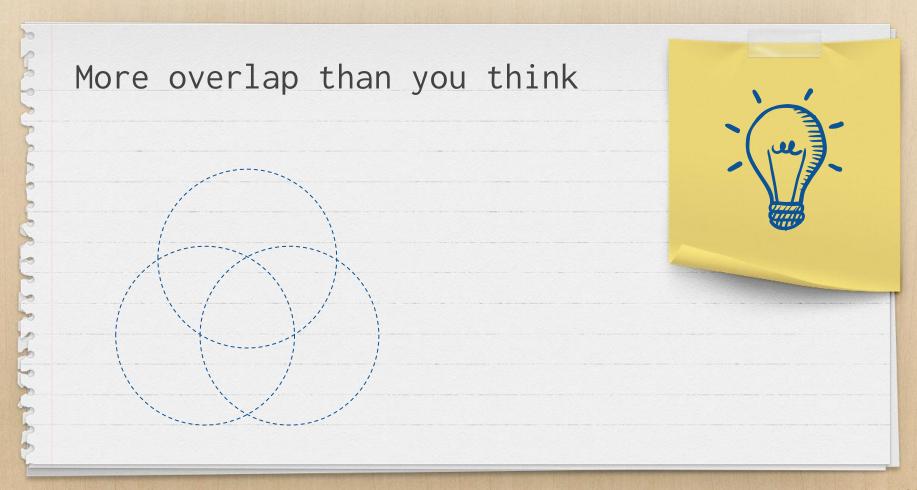
- x Defense can have a clear priority.
- x Arguments are mostly equal.
- x More realistic impact stories.



"I want to read Kritiks at UIL State."

- x ...bold strategy...
- x Relatable and digestible articulations.
- x Phrase as solvency turns.
 - x It's Kritik-Lite.





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Thanks!

Any questions?

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