



Tie-Breaking Procedures

Breaking into the Quarter-Final Round

1. Cumulative of best five ranks
2. Cumulative of all six ranks
3. Cumulative of best five ratings

Once the aforementioned criteria are used, if a tie remains for the 24th place, all tied speakers advance to the quarter-final round.

Seeding of Quarter-finalists

1. Cumulative of best five ranks
2. Cumulative of all six ranks
3. Cumulative of best five ratings

Once the aforementioned criteria are used, if a tie remains for a given seed, those involved remain tied. Among the tied students, shifts in quarterfinal sections may only be used to eliminate multiple entries from a given school from speaking/performing in the same section.

Quarter-Final, Semi-Final, and Final Round Tie-Breakers

1. Five-Judge Elimination Round Criteria:
 - a. Majority of first place rankings
 - b. Cumulative of best four ranks
 - c. Judges' preference based on all five ballots
 - d. Cumulative rank of all five judges
 - e. Cumulative of best four ratings
 - f. Cumulative rating of all five judges

2. Individual Sweepstakes Criteria:
 - a. Comparative ranks in final rounds*
 - b. Number of final rounds
 - c. Comparative ranks in semi-final rounds*
 - d. Number of semi-final rounds
 - e. Comparative ranks in quarterfinal rounds*
 - f. Number of quarterfinal rounds

- Comparative ranks examines number of 1st place finishes, if tied, then number of 2nd place finishes, etc.

3. Team Sweepstakes Criteria:
 - a. Number of final rounds by team
 - b. Comparative ranks in finals*
 - c. Number of semi-final rounds by team
 - d. Comparative ranks in semi-finals*
 - e. Number of quarter-final rounds by team
 - f. Comparative ranks in quarterfinals*

Comparative ranks examine number of 1st place finishes, if tied, then number of 2nd place finishes, etc.