

# **Rules of the Road**

## **LINKS:**

### **ZOOM LINK PRELIMINARY ROUNDS 21 May 2022:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlpcuqrrDloGNJQeVKe5hQ3E3QP485qK3tB>

[Rubric sheet](#)

[Jot form](#)

### **WHATSAPP LINK TO BROADCASTING GROUP 21 MAY 2022:**

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Em0NCV3Jghp26Aql8EJya0>

[Debate format guidelines](#)

[Judges' Packet](#)

[Code of conduct](#)

## *Rules/Clarification*

### **New this year:**

POIs are back, no cross examinations

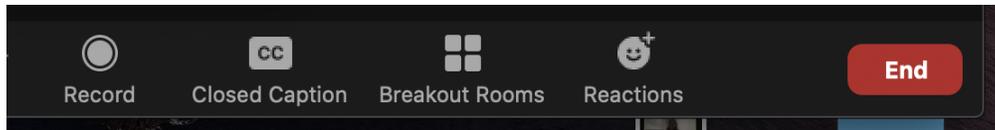
3rd speakers get 4 minutes instead of 3



Look here for any announcements.

## REGISTRATION:

1. Please update your Zoom to the most recent version.
2. Upon entering the Zoom please rename yourself properly (NO PUNCTUATION)
  - a. Debaters (pre-registration): Team name First Name Last Name
  - b. Coaches: Coach First Name Last Name
  - c. Judges: Judge First Name Last Name
  - d. Observers: Team name Observer First Name Last Name
    - i. Unaffiliated: Replace Team name with "Unaffiliated"
3. Judges please assign yourselves to the room labeled "JUDGES' ROOM".
4. **East Coast teams:** Please register at 8:30 EST. **West Coast Teams:** Please register at 9:30 EST, 6:30 PST. **Central Zone:** You get to choose.
5. Please find your team's breakout room and enter it. (Assign yourself to your team's breakout room).
  - a. Breakout rooms can be accessed by clicking the icon on the bottom right of the screen or by clicking the option that says "More"
  - b. May need to move your cursor over the bottom of the screen with Zoom so that the options pop up



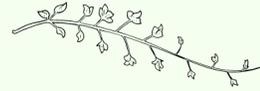
6. When everyone has arrived from your team, the coach should go to the breakout room called "TAB ROOM" to register. There may be other coaches registering. Please wait in the TAB room until the tab director is ready to register your team.
7. If you do not have a coach, assign one representative from your team to do step 6.
8. Once your team is registered, please wait with your team in your room, until 4 minutes before the Round begins.
9. After all teams will be accounted for, we will ask everyone to come into the main session to begin.
10. Your rooms will be there throughout the tournament so coaches and participants can communicate freely both during prep times and in between sessions.
11. If you have any questions or concerns, you may go to the breakout room called "LOBBY", and someone will address your concern or direct you to the right room. If you do not find anyone in the "LOBBY", it may be because a round is in progress. Please try after the round is over.
12. EVERYONE! Please stay logged into the zoom throughout the tournament.

# PROGRAM

## MYDT 2022 Schedule

### Preliminary Rounds

**Saturday  
May 21**



- 8:30a* Team Verification\*
- 9:00a* Judges Meeting
- 9:30a* Team Verification
- 9:45a* Logistics Rundown
- 10:10a* Round 1**
- 11:15a* Room Assignments (round2)
- 11:25a* Impromptu Topic 1 Prep
- 11:40a* Round 2**
- 12:45p* BREAK
- 1:45p* Room Assignments (round3)
- 1:55p* Round 3**
- 3:00p* Room Assignments (round4)
- 3:10p* Impromptu Topic 2 Prep
- 3:25p* Round 4**

## Debaters' Instructions:

1. Please enter your assigned room 5 minutes before the start time of the round.
2. Judges will make sure of your speaker positions but please rename yourselves to make sure there is no mistake.
3. **COIN TOSS:** The judges will toss a coin and show you the results.
4. **CAMERA AND AUDIO:** All debaters must have their cameras on at all times so the judges can see all the debaters. Judges' cameras must also be on at all times. Everyone must stay muted except the speaker. All other people in the room, coaches, spectators, must have their cameras off and audio muted.
  - a. Debaters not speaking will unmute for POIs and say. "POI" or "Point of information" or "On that point". This is allowed in addition to using the "Raise hand" feature on zoom (👋)
5. **TIME KEEPING:** Judges will be keeping time but you are encouraged to time yourselves if you like.
  - a. **TIME SIGNALS:**
    1. A check mark emoji  by the judge indicates protected time is over and POIs can begin. They will also write "1 minute" in the chat.
    2. Judges will put an X mark  **and** write "1 minute left" after the 4th minute to indicate protected time begins and one minute left.
    3. The judges will call out, "**TIME**" when 5 minutes are over. If you go on for another 30 seconds, he/she may call out, "TIME" again. *Remember nothing the debater says after the 5 minute mark can be counted.*
6. You may not ask for any extra time/prep time, between speeches. You get the time that the judge takes to score you.
7. When the debate is over thank your opponents and mute yourselves to give the judge time to deliberate.
8. Judges will give you feedback. Please ask any questions that you may have. Judges are there to help you improve so please take what they say and ask whatever you want. They will also explain why they gave the win to the side they did.
9. You may return to your team's room in between rounds and chill with your coaches.
10. If you have other teams with the same coach, you may decide to be with the coach in any one of the rooms for one of the coaches teams.

# JUDGES' INSTRUCTIONS/DUTIES

1. Please enter your assigned breakout room 5 minutes before the start time of the round.
2. Make sure both teams are present.
3. Welcome everyone to the round.
4. **COIN TOSS:** Toss a coin on your phone to determine Prop and Opp. Show the result to the teams by holding up your phone to the camera. You would say, "If it's heads, Team A is Proposition, if it is tails, Team B is Proposition." **DO NOT** ask the teams to choose heads or tails and have the winner of the toss choose their side.
5. Give the debaters 3-5 minutes to discuss with each other so they can finalize their points and speaker order. They will especially need this time for the Impromptu Debates. Because debates won't want to discuss their points in front of their opponents, it's recommended they call each other on their phones to discuss their points.
6. Call the debaters back to attention when the 3-5 minutes are up and make sure the students are named correctly with the correct speaker place.  
Eg. MUNA 3 Ahmad Khan - 1st Prop
7. Open your [Jot form](#) and fill in all appropriate boxes. This is a good time to double check speaker positions, prop/opp, and team names. Please do not rush this step.
  - a. **CAMERA AND AUDIO:** All debaters must have their cameras on at all times so the judges can see all the debaters. Judges' cameras must also be on at all times. Everyone must stay muted except the speaker. All other people in the room, coaches, spectators, must have their cameras off and audio muted.
  - b. Debaters not speaking will unmute for POIs and say. "POI" or "Point of information" or "On that point". This is allowed in addition to using the Raise hand feature on zoom (🙋).
8. Clarify the rules and logistics to all debaters and audience members. Important things to go over are:
  - a. Speech times for each speaker (5 min for first four speakers and 4 min for concluding speakers)
  - b. The speaker only has permission to speak once you call them up.
  - c. Signals used to demonstrate 1 minute into speech (🟢<sup>Yes</sup> **and** "1 minute" in chat), 1 minute remaining (🔴<sup>No</sup> **and** write "1 minute left"), and the end of their time (Call out "**TIME**"). Also clarify that POI are only allowed in between the 🟢<sup>Yes</sup> and the 🔴<sup>No</sup>. Please show these signals so debaters know what they will look like.
  - d. Clarify the procedure for POIs by demonstrating with the 🙋 emoji and verbally saying "POI".
  - e. Clarify that once the debate starts that **only person who's mic should be unmuted is the current speaker or another debater if they are giving a POI**. No other debater is allowed to speak when it is not their

- designated time and **audience members are never allowed to speak, write in chat, or cheer.** (Audience members will need this reminder)
- f. Ask the debaters if they understand and proceed if they do.
  9. Open the debate by stating the topic “The topic before the house today is...”
  10. Call the speakers up.
    - a. You may say, “I call upon the 1st speaker from the Proposition, Ahmad Khan. Your time begins with your first word.”
  11. Keep time. Students may want to time themselves and that is fine too. They may also tell you when their time begins, which is OK.
    - a. **TIME SIGNALS:**
      4. Put a check mark emoji  **and** write “1 minute” in the chat, after the first minute to indicate protected time is over.
      5. Put an X mark  **and** write “1 minute left” after the 4th minute to indicate protected time begins and one minute left.
      6. Call out, “**TIME**” when 5 minutes are over. If the debater goes on for another 30 seconds, you may call out, “**TIME**” again. *Please make sure you put down your pen once 5 minutes are over. Nothing the debater says after the 5 minute mark can be counted.*
      7. (If there are multiple judges you may want to clarify who will be tracking time and and giving the signals)
  12. Score the debater immediately after they are done speaking. Please do not leave this to the end. (You will put the scores into the jotform)
  13. Have the [Rubric guide](#) **printed in front of you or open on your screen.** Take your time in scoring while referring to the Rubric guide. Scoring of the debaters is most critical as it is the scores and not the wins and losses that determine which teams advance.
  14. Debaters may not ask for any extra time/prep time, between speeches. They get the time that you are scoring as a breather but no extra time.
  15. **ORDER of SPEAKERS:**
    - a. Prop 1, Opp 1, Prop 2, Opp, 2, **Opp 3**, Prop 3
  16. Thank the debaters for the debate and say that you will get back to them. Turn your camera off and ask everyone to stay muted so you can concentrate on your scoring and deliberating.
  17. If you are judging with another judge, please go to the Judges’ Deliberation Room assigned to you.
  18. Submit your ballot.
  19. Return to the group to give feedback. Feedback includes:
    - a. What team won and why you gave them that win to which side

- b. General commendations and recommendation to improve. If you feel a particular debater would benefit from a specific comment please do not hesitate to say it. Debaters love hearing feedback and are looking to gain from the judges comments.
  - c. Best Speaker of the debate
  - d. Open the floor to the debaters if they have specific questions and answer them if you are able. (Note: Only the debaters can ask questions, not the audience).
  - e. Keep track of time. Sometimes feedback can go on for too long and risks cutting into the next round.
20. You may return to the judges room in between rounds and chill with other adjudicators.

Round 1

Round 2

Round 3

Round 4