

Proposal 3: Ban Citations & Allow Internet Prep

SUMMARY

- Allows internet during prep time.
- Prohibits citations to sources during the debate.

DISCUSSION

Please use this NPDL Forum thread to discuss this proposal:

<https://www.parliamentarydebate.org/forum?p=post%2F20211130-1206-written-ballot-evidence-proposals-12089984%3Fpid%3D1330167813>

If you do not have a forum account, please create one by clicking [here](#). We ask that all representatives create a forum account.

STATUS

11/19/2021: first draft submitted to representatives for public comment

11/29/2021: final draft approved by the Board. Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1 (Chen)

11/30 - 12/6/2021: approved by 69% of the Legislature via Written Ballot

Yes: 49, No: 22, Did Not Vote: 39

Note: this proposal contradicts [Proposal 2](#). If both proposals obtain the $\frac{2}{3}$ majority, only one can be adopted. Thus, representatives were asked to rank the two proposals on their Written Ballot.

Proposal 3 was preferred by 69% of the Legislature over [Proposal 2](#).

Proposal 2: 21, Proposal 3: 46, Abstain: 4, Did Not Vote: 39

KEY

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PROPOSAL

ARTICLE XII: NPDL ~~TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS~~ **IN-PERSON** ROUND RULES

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SECTION 12. Evidence

A. Debaters should primarily rely on logic and general knowledge. ~~Reference to published sources is allowed but should be limited. Published evidence, such as specific statistics, is not a requirement for an argument to be accepted by the judge.~~

~~B.* Debaters may not fabricate evidence. Debaters may not misrepresent a source they cite.~~

~~C.* If a debater refers to a published source in a speech, the debater must write down the citation and must say the citation during the speech. To the extent that these are provided by the original source, the citation should include the name of the primary author, the source title, and the publication date.~~

~~D.* A team that refers to information from a published source must show the opposing team the citation if requested. The request can be made during a POI, immediately after the speech, or immediately after the end of the debate round.~~

B. Debaters should not cite published sources during the round. Judges should enforce this rule by giving a claim supported by a citation the same weight as they would give a claim not supported by a citation.

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ARTICLE XIII: NPDL ONLINE ROUND RULES

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SECTION 7: Preparation Time

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C. During preparation time, debaters may use the internet to access published sources.

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SECTION 12: Evidence.

A. Debaters should primarily rely on logic and general knowledge. ~~Unless the tournament specifies otherwise in advance, a debater may refer to information from a published source during their speech, but any such references should be limited. Published evidence, such as specific statistics, is not a requirement for an argument to be accepted by the judge.~~

~~B.* Debaters may not fabricate evidence. Debaters may not misrepresent a source they cite.~~

~~C.* If a debater refers to a published source in a speech, the debater must say the citation during the speech. To the extent that these are provided by the original source, the citation should include the name of the primary author, the source title, and the publication date.~~

~~D.* A team that cites a published source must show the opposing team the citation if requested. The request can be made during a POI, immediately after the speech, or immediately after the end of the debate round.~~

~~E. Any publications cited must be freely available online. Debaters may cite publications that limit the number of free articles that may be viewed in a given time period.~~

~~F. A tournament may announce additional rules governing the use of evidence.~~

B. Debaters should not cite published sources during the round. Judges should enforce this rule by giving a claim supported by a citation the same weight as they would give a claim not supported by a citation.

RATIONALE

This proposal was drafted by the Board based on the [feedback to the original Proposal 3 at the October 24 league meeting](#) and [further discussion with community members at the November 2 Board meeting](#).