

# Grand Finals Break Rounds

## Events without Break Rounds (Dec, DP, Duo, CX)

National qualifiers and alternates in these events are selected based on performance in Rounds 1-4. The top 6 finishers in these events will be national qualifiers, the seventh and eighth finishers will be the first and second alternates respectively. In events with fewer than 7 entries, contestants automatically qualify if and only if they compete in all scheduled rounds.

## Extemp, OO, and OI

The top 10 finishers in Rounds 1-4 (Prelims) will advance to **Finals**, which will be held in two rooms before three judge panels. Contestants will be “snaked” between Finals sections as follows:

**Section A:** Seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9

**Section B:** Seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10

The speaking order will then be randomized. Assignments will NOT be modified in the case of same-school placements in the same section. The finalists will be ranked based first on **cumulative ranks** from Prelims and Finals (dropping the worst Prelim rank), with ties broken on Finals performance alone. The top 3 finishers **in each section of Finals** will be national qualifiers. The next two **overall** will be the first and second alternates (that is, the alternates may both come from the same section).

## Student Congress

The top 6 in each Prelim chamber will advance to **Super Congress**, which will be judged by three Scorers and a Parliamentarian. The Super Congress will have its own legislation (published along with the regular docket) and recency chart. The PO will be elected by the chamber.

At the end of the Super Congress, all four officials will rank **all 12** legislators. The finishing order will be determined using the officials’ ranks. The top 6 finishers in the Super Congress will be national qualifiers. The seventh and eighth finishers will be the first and second alternates respectively.

## Lincoln-Douglas and Public Forum Debate

The number advancing to break rounds is based on the number of entries. The break is set to enable all teams with a 3-1 record to advance; some 2-2s will advance as well. Based on registration, we anticipate that LD will break **10 debaters**, and PFD will break **14 teams**. Drops and ties may affect these breaks.

All break rounds are power-protect: highest seed hits lowest seed. In the event of a same-school matchup, the coach may elect to advance one debater/team or to hold the round as scheduled. Break rounds are flip-for-side unless the debaters/teams met in Prelims, in which case they debate on the opposite side. All break round debates are before three judge panels.

**Round 5:** The top seeds receive a bye; the rest debate. Winners advance; losers are eliminated.

**Round 6:** All participants debate. Winners are the first four national qualifiers; losers debate in Round 7.

**Round 7:** All participants debate. Winners are the last two national qualifiers; losers are the alternates.