

CHSSA Coach's Petition to the President Parli Equalization Proposal (PEP) - A CHSSA Initiative & Referendum

My signature below certifies that I have read the "Parli Equalization Proposal" and that I support bringing this initiative to statewide vote of CHSSA coaches.

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**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!
SIGNED PETITIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO CHSSA BY THE SPONSORING COACH ONLY
PLEASE RETURN YOUR SIGNED PETITION BY FEBRUARY 25, 2010**

1) Mail your signed petition to: Bryan St. Amant
Windsor High School Debate Coach
8695 Windsor Road
Windsor, CA 95492

2) Scan and email your signed petition to: coach@whsdebate.com

3) Hand deliver your signed petition at the GGSA IE/Debate #4 Tournament, Feb 20, 2010 at Sonoma Valley High School.

**NOTE: 10% OF CHSSA COACHES MUST PETITION THE CHSSA PRESIDENT BEFORE ANY INITIATIVE IS PUT TO A STATEWIDE VOTE.
APPROXIMATELY 25 VALID SIGNATURES MUST BE COLLECTED TO QUALIFY THIS INITIATIVE.**

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Submitted by: Bryan St. Amant, Windsor HS – GGSA/CHSSA Area I

1) Rationale for increasing Parliamentary Debate entries at the California State Tournament via PEP

Necessary and proper to adjust State Tournament entry allocations over time – Entry allocations to the California State Tournament have been regularly adjusted in the past to reflect participation in speech and debate events. Such adjustments are required if the California State Tournament is to meaningfully reflect the priorities of CHSSA coaches and students.

Necessary and proper use of CHSSA Initiative Process – Entry allocations to the State Tournament are determined by CHSSA Constitution – By-Laws – Article VII, which requires a constitutional amendment to change. Article XVI prescribes an Initiative and Referendum Process as a proper way to make this change.

Current State Tournament allocations misrepresent statewide participation in Debate events. In 2009, Parliamentary Debate comprised 37% of debate entries at CHSSA State Qualifying tournaments while receiving just 17% of debate entries the State Tournament. In contrast, Policy Debate comprised 20% of entries at 2009 State Qualifying tournaments while earning 33% of available allocations. The result is that CHSSA's largest debate event has received the smallest allocation of State Tournament entries for years. Why?

Current State Tournament allocations in Debate events harm CHSSA students and educators by significantly and unnecessarily limiting the rewards and recognition available to the students and coaches of CHSSA's most popular debate event.

Waiting for change causes more harm. Parliamentary Debate continues to grow each year in popularity among CHSSA students and educators. Delay in adjusting State Tournament allocations means another graduating class is unjustly denied the opportunity to represent their school/league in the State Tournament. Coaches can wait for years, but students will never have this opportunity again.

PEP will equalize the supply and demand of State Tournament debate entry allocations better than the status quo. Both of the options contained in PEP will result in a more equitable distribution of State Tournament entry allocations that more accurately reflects the priorities of CHSSA coaches and students.

2) Impact on State Tournament Logistics

Schedule revisions – PEP Option #1 can be implemented with no change to the State Tournament schedule if 64 rooms are available. PEP Option #2 can be implemented with no change to the State Tournament schedule if 48 rooms are available.

Room requirements – PEP Option #1 will require 64 rooms at the tournament site on the first day of competition & 48 rooms thereafter. The necessary rooms for Option #1 can be acquired by hosting the state tournament at a medium-sized high school or nearly any college campus. PEP Option #2 requires no additional rooms at all.

Judging requirements – PEP Options #1 & #2 will require more Parliamentary debate judges, but all additional judging requirements under PEP would be covered by the schools participating in this event.

Additional logistical components – None.

3) Text of proposed changes to CHSSA Constitution

a. Language REMOVED from By-Laws, Article VII, Section 3: Entrants

~~C. Distribution of Policy and Lincoln-Douglas Debate entries: There shall be sixty-four entries in both Policy Debate and Lincoln-Douglas debate. Each Area shall receive fourteen Policy Debate and fourteen Lincoln-Douglas debate entries. In addition to these fifty-six entries, an additional eight bonus entries shall be distributed using the following formula (Appendix F: worksheet):~~

~~1. To be eligible to receive additional entry(ies) to the State Debate Tournament, a League must average two (2) wins per allocated entry or better.~~

~~2. The eight floating entries shall be distributed:~~

~~a. One to each eligible League.~~

~~b. Any remaining entry(ies) shall be distributed to the Leagues with the greatest average wins per entry.~~

~~3. Tie-breaker: In the event of ties between Leagues, the tie shall be broken on the basis of greater average wins per entry in the four previous State Tournaments. If a tie still exists, the tie shall be broken on the basis of average wins per entry five years prior, six years prior, etc.~~

~~D. Distribution of Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate entries: There shall be thirty-two entries in both Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate. Each Area shall receive eight Public Forum and Parliamentary Debate entries.~~

b. Language ADDED to By-Laws, Article VII, Section 3: Entrants

C. Distribution of Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, Parliamentary & Public Forum Debate entries: Each year prior to allocation of Debate entries for the State Tournament, the Vice President Activities in consultation with members of the State Tournament Committee shall be responsible for choosing one of the following two Allocation Options:

1) If the tournament site and schedule will allow, there shall be sixty-four (64) entries each in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Parliamentary Debate, plus thirty-two (32) entries in Public Forum Debate. Each Area shall receive eight (8) Public Forum Debate entries.

2) If Allocation Option #1 is not selected, there shall be sixty-four (64) entries each in Lincoln-Douglas and Parliamentary Debate, plus thirty-two (32) entries each in Policy and Public Forum Debate. Each Area shall receive eight (8) Public Forum and eight (8) Policy Debate entries.

D) For each Debate event allocated sixty-four entries at the State Tournament, each Area shall receive fourteen (14) entries. In addition to these fifty-six entries per event, an additional eight (8) bonus entries shall be distributed using the following formula (Appendix F: worksheet):

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— EXHIBITS —

1) Comparison of Statewide Debate Entries vs. State Tournament Allocation

Data from 2009 State Qualifying Tournaments – Leagues where data is available

	GGSA - Area 1		SVFL - Area 2		WBFL - Area 3		CBSR - Area 4	
	#Entries	%	#Entries	%	#Entries	%	#Entries	%
Parli	60	40%	20	28%	33	37%	35	39%
Public Forum	26	17%	22	31%	21	24%	13	15%
Policy	30	20%	16	22%	13	15%	19	21%
Lincoln-Douglas	34	23%	14	19%	22	25%	22	25%
TOTAL	150		72		89		89	

Sources: Joy of Tournaments & www.forensictournament.net

	State Qual Entries		State Tournament Allocations			
	# Entries	%	# Entries	%	Under	Over
Parli	148	37%	32	17%	122%	
Public Forum	82	21%	32	17%	23%	
Policy	78	20%	64	33%		71%
Lincoln-Douglas	92	23%	64	33%		45%
TOTAL	400		192			

2) 4-Year Trend in GGSA

GGSA State Qualifying Tournament – 2006 through 2009

	2006		2007		2008		2009	
	# Entries	%	# Entries	%	# Entries	%	# Entries	%
Parli	39	33%	43	34%	58	39%	60	40%
Public Forum	20	17%	15	12%	23	16%	26	17%
Policy	18	15%	23	18%	33	22%	30	20%
Lincoln-Douglas	41	35%	44	35%	33	22%	34	23%
TOTAL	118		125		147		150	

3) Impact of Parli Equalization Plan

Status Quo = GGSA, SVFL, WBFL & CBSR State Qual Entry Totals vs. State Tournament Allocations in 2009

	% CHSSA Students Advancing from State Quals to State Tournament		
	Status Quo	PEP Option #1	PEP Option #2
	Parli	7%	15%
Public Forum	13%	13%	13%
Policy	28%	28%	14%
Lincoln-Douglas	24%	24%	24%

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SAMPLE STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE REVISED FOR 64 ENTRIES IN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE

PEP OPTION #1

			Flights	Rooms needed	
FRIDAY					
2:00 PM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 1		Single/Double	64	
3:15 PM	Extemp Draw				
3:45 PM	IE A Round 1	Congress Round 1		48	
5:45 PM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 2		Single/Double	64	
7:30 PM	IE B Round 1	Congress Round 2		48	
SATURDAY					
8:00 AM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 3		Single/Double	48	
9:15 AM	Extemp Draw				
9:45 AM	IE A Round 2	Congress Round 3		48	
11:15 AM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 4	PuFo Round 1	Single/Double	40	
1:00 PM	IE B Round 2	Congress Round 4		48	
2:45 PM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 5	PuFo Round 2	Single/Double	28	
4:00 PM	Extemp Draw				
4:30 PM	IE A Round 3			48	
6:15 PM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 6	PuFo Round 3	Single/Double	18	
8:00 PM	IE B Round 3			48	
SUNDAY					
8:00 AM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 7	PuFo Round 4	Congress Semis 1	Single	17
9:15 AM	Extemp Draw				
9:45 AM	IE A Semis			12	
10:30 AM	PuFo Round 5		Single	5	
11:15 AM	IE B Semis	Congress Semis 2		13	
1:00 PM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 8	PuFo Round 6	Single	8	
2:15 PM	Extemp Draw				
2:45 PM	IE Finals			12	
3:15 PM	Congress Finals	PuFo Round 7	Single	3	
4:00 PM	Team/LD/Parli Finals		Single	3	
4:30 PM	PuFo Finals		Single	1	

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SAMPLE STATE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE REVISED FOR 64 ENTRIES IN PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE PEP OPTION #2

	FRIDAY		Flights	Rooms needed
2:00 PM	LD/Parli Rd 1		Double	32
3:15 PM	Extemp Draw			
3:45 PM	IE A Round 1	Congress Round 1		48
5:45 PM	LD/Parli Rd 2		Double	32
7:30 PM	IE B Round 1	Congress Round 2		48
	SATURDAY			
8:00 AM	LD/Parli Rd 3		Double	32
9:15 AM	Extemp Draw			
9:45 AM	IE A Round 2	Congress Round 3		48
11:15 AM	LD/Parli Rd 4	Policy/PuFo Round 1	Single/Double	40
1:00 PM	IE B Round 2	Congress Round 4		48
2:45 PM	LD/Parli Rd 5	Policy/PuFo Round 2	Single/Double	34
4:00 PM	Extemp Draw			
4:30 PM	IE A Round 3			48
6:15 PM	LD/Parli Rd 6	Policy/PuFo Round 3	Single/Double	24
8:00 PM	IE B Round 3			48
	SUNDAY			
8:00 AM	LD/Parli Rd 7	Policy/PuFo Round 4 Congress Semis 1	Single	25
9:15 AM	Extemp Draw			
9:45 AM	IE A Semis			12
10:30 AM	Policy/PuFo Round 5		Single	10
11:15 AM	IE B Semis	Congress Semis 2		13
1:00 PM	Team/LD/Parli Rd 8	Policy/PuFo Round 6	Single	8
2:15 PM	Extemp Draw			
2:45 PM	IE Finals			12
3:15 PM	Congress Finals	PuFo Round 7	Single	3
4:00 PM	LD/Parli Finals		Single	3
4:30 PM	Policy/PuFo Finals		Single	1