The NCSRC Tournament of Scholars

Rules and Regulations

Abbreviations for context:

(1) – contestant 1 of a 2-person contest

(2) – contestant 2 of a 2-person contest

Judge – refers to a panel of three judges

Volley - the presentation and fielding of one question by the contestants.

1. Participants are to be registered either through the NCSRC website or on site at the September Symposium

2. Participation is limited to full time status in a RT degree entry program only

3. The Tournament of Scholars will be limited to 32 entrants

4. Round 1 will be the first to 3 correct questions

5. Rounds 2, 3, 4 and the final rounds will be the first to answer 4 correct questions

6. Question and answer format will be as follows:

   a. The presentation of a question will be considered a "volley". The volley continues until the question is answered correctly, passed on, or answered incorrectly by both contestants.

   b. Each contestant will have 10 seconds in which to answer

   c. Odd number contestant (1) will be asked the first question

   d. If not answered correctly, no credit will be given to (1), (2) will have the option of answering the question or taking a "pass". If answered correctly, (2) will be credited with a correct answer and the subsequent question will go to (1). If answered incorrectly, no credit is given to (2) and a new question is pulled and presented to (1). That question "volley" is over.

   e. If (2) chooses to pass on the question to (1), they will be given a new question (a new "volley") to attempt to answer. If they are unable to answer the question correctly, (1) will be given the option to choose to answer or pass.

f. New questions will be presented after either contestant fails to answer correctly or a pass is chosen to end the "volley"

g. Taking a "pass" on a question is not an option for the recipient of a new question.

h. There will be three Judges RRT, RCP. They will maintain time and will adjudicate responses if contestants disagree with the judgement on their answers.

i. The odd number contestant (1) receives the first question. The even numbered contestant (2) will have a chance to match the score of (1) by receiving a following question. Should (1) reach a score of 3 and (2) have a score of 1 or 0, the match will end.

   i. Ex. Should (1) reach a score of 3 and (2) has a score of 2, (2) will receive a question. Should (2) tie the score at three, "volleys" will continue until there is a one-point advantage over an opponent. (2) will always have a chance to tie, (1) will not.

j. In rounds 2,3,4 and the Finals, this same pattern will continue for a winning score of 1st to 4th.