

2012-13 Rule Changes

1. "Evidence shall be exchanged between debater(s) upon the request of the opponent during the debate. Evidence shall be returned promptly if needed by the debater(s) forwarding the evidence and no later than the end of the debate. Contestants have the responsibility to promptly provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Evidence be provided in a format readable by the opposing debater(s) and the judge."
2. Effective immediately, all 30 second grace periods are discontinued. The grace period for a speech is 15 seconds only. Until reprinted, and reference in the DDF Handbook to a 30 second grace period is now understood to mean 15 seconds.

2012-13 Handbook clarifications

p. 3 Table of Contents

The Table of Contents should show that the Debate Judging Instructions are on p. 28, not p.32.

p. 7 Public Forum Debate

"Crossfire" is misspelled.

p. 11 Duo Interpretation

The current rule states, "They may take a single step in any direction as long as they stay within an imaginary 6 foot-by 6 foot box during the entire interpretation." This rule was not correctly updated in the last printing of the handbook. It should read, "They may move in any direction as long as they stay within an imaginary 6 foot by 6 foot box during the entire interpretation."

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p. 39 Readers' Theater

After the line that says, "Do not penalize competitors for their choice of presentation styles"...we need to insert the following rule: "Readers may move no further than three (3) feet from their original position." This line is currently on p.10 but was forgotten on p.39. It should be in both places in the handbook.