

## PROPAGANDA Tournament Rules 2017 - 2018

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- PT1** All AGLOA competitors are expected to preserve the integrity of the competition by conducting themselves in a fair and ethical manner. In cases of unfair play, unsportsmanlike conduct, or clear violations of tournament rules, the Penalties Policy in the AGLOA National Tournament Administration Manual should be consulted.
- PT2** *Propaganda: The Definitive Guide* will be used to determine all definitions.
- PT3** Players will be seated in three-player groupings. A four-player grouping will be used only when a threesome cannot be formed.
- PT4** Nine examples will be read in each round in each Division. Each round covers one section of Propaganda techniques. The sections for 2017-18 are **B, C, D, and F**.
- PT5** The central reader will read each example twice with a slight pause in between. Players may NOT circle their answers until AFTER the reader has completed the second reading of the example.
- PT6** In Junior and Senior Divisions only, some of the examples will be visual, taken from magazines, newspapers, or other print material. On the visuals, some words will usually appear. The central reader will read only the words from the visual that should be considered in trying to determine the technique being used. Also in Junior and Senior Divisions, some examples, visual or oral, may contain more than one technique from the section being played. **In addition, a Junior/Senior example may be read (or shown) in two different rounds because it contains two techniques, one from the two sections.** Further, in Junior and Senior Divisions, the Non Sequitur technique of Section E is expanded to include recognizing four forms of reasoning as listed and explained in *Propaganda: The Definitive Guide*.
- PT7** Players must use a non-erasable pen to mark answers and BOLD or CAUTIOUS. Players may not change an answer or BOLD/CAUTIOUS once it has been marked. An erasure or scratch out of an answer makes any answer for that example automatically wrong. An erasure or scratch out of BOLD/CAUTIOUS will be treated as not marking either one. See rule **PT10** below.
- PT8** Players have thirty (30) seconds from the end of the second reading to make their decisions and mark the answer and bold/cautious. The reader should give a ten-second warning before telling players to exchange answer sheets and announcing the answer. The penalty for failing to mark an answer within the time limit is minus two (-2) points, and that player will not be allowed to offer an answer for that example.
- PT9** After all players have answered and revealed, the reader states the panel's answer and players check each other's Answer Sheets to determine each player's score.
- PT10** After hearing the example, each player writes her/his answer in one of two columns:
- |                                    |       |              |                |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------|----------------|
| BOLD Answer                        | earns | Correct = +4 | Incorrect = -2 |
| CAUTIOUS Answer                    | earns | Correct = +2 | Incorrect = 0  |
| Failure to circle BOLD or CAUTIOUS |       | Correct = +2 | Incorrect = -2 |
- If a player is not at the table to answer an example, the player scores -4.

**PT11** In Elementary and Middle Divisions, the first time a player marks an answer on the wrong line in a round, there is no penalty although a monitor must initial the correction with a red pen. Any other answers on the wrong line by that player the remainder of the round incur a one-point penalty that must be initialed by a monitor with a red pen. The same rule applies to Junior and Senior Divisions except that the -1 penalty is issued from the first violation of the round.

**PT12** A round ends when all examples have been read.

**PT13** All Divisions play four sections each year as follows.

2017-18 B C D F

2018-19 A C D E

2019-20 A B C F

2020-21 B C D E

2021-22 A C D F

2022-23 A B C E

2023-24 B C D F

2024-25 A C D E