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## **Coaches' Bulletin**

### **New Voting Procedure for Math Rules Changes**

One of the biggest changes in any game in many years stems from a proposal made at the Math Meeting at Nationals last month.

- All certified judges are voting on *Equations* and *On-Sets* proposals for 2017-18.
- Each judge votes only on proposals for the game(s) and division(s) for which that judge is certified.
- The deadline for submitting proposals was May 14.
- Ballots were sent via email May 15.
- June 1 is the deadline for submitting ballots via email.
- Discussion of the proposals is taking place on the AGLOA channel at `slack.com`.
- If you are not a certified judge, communicate your thoughts on the proposals to a certified judge from your league or area.

Here are the proposals for 2017-18.

#### **Equations Proposals**

##### **Junior Division**

1. Add the Elementary/Middle Even-Year Variation Decimal Point to the Junior list and alternate it with Exponent (Odd-year).

##### **Senior Division**

2. If Proposal 1 passes, alternate Decimal Point and Exponent on the Senior list of variations also.

#### **On-Sets Proposals**

##### **Middle Division**

3. Return the Double Color variation to the Middle list.

##### **Middle and Junior Divisions**

4. Add the Senior variation Two Solutions to the Middle and Junior variations lists.

The Even-year variations will be played in 2017-18.

Elementary Division: Two-digit Numerals, LCM, GCF, and Number of Factors

Middle Division: Number of Factors, Exponent, and Powers of the Base

### **LinguiSHTIK Proposals**

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At the *LinguiSHTIK* Rules meeting at Oglebay, we also decided to use SLACK to get feedback on ideas and rules changes.

- One main issue we are trying to resolve is whether there is any way we can use the online edition of the *Webster's Third International Dictionary* instead of their most recent print version which was done in 2002.
- As is being done with the Math games, voting on that and other issues will be offered to all currently certified *LinguiSHTIK* judges.
- We won't have a turnaround as quickly as June 1st, but the intent is to have decisions made early in the summer so corrections can be made to all documents in a timely manner.

### **Reading Game Changes**

The following rules will be followed in all four reading games at 2018 Nationals.

Junior/Senior Divisions: A player marking an answer on the wrong line is penalized a point. A monitor must initial the penalty with a red pen.

Elementary/Middle: 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.

### **Presidents Ranges/Themes**

El/Mid will play Presidents **1-12** and **13-24**.

Jr/Sr will play Presidents 1-24 and 25-45. Gazeteers will be updated to include president 45.

The Theme for all divisions is **First Ladies**.

Jr/Sr will also focus on **Election Opponents** and **U.S. Leaders Group 1** (Presidents 1-24): Clara Barton, Jefferson Davis, Frederick Douglass, Robert E. Lee, Lucretia Mott, Sitting Bull, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Tecumseh, Sojourner Truth.



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### Question – *Cube Games Rules*

Why was the procedure for voting on cube games rules proposals changed to allow all certified judges to vote?

### Answer

Previously, a Math Rules Committee voted on proposals for *Equations* and *On-Sets* and a similar committee voted on *Lingui-SHTIK* proposals. The committees were constituted like the Tournament Council to reflect the proportions of players participating in the national tournament from the various states. Each committee member was charged with obtaining the views of the coaches in their area before casting their votes. However, this was often difficult to do in May when local competition was over and the school year was rapidly drawing to a close.

Because some committee members coached only at the EI/Mid or Jr/Sr level, the number of persons voting on, say, a Senior *Equations* proposal might be only two or three.

Discussion took place at the Math Meeting at Oglebay about the need for a more open process. Someone suggested letting all certified judges vote on proposals for the game(s) and division(s) for which they are certified. The response was overwhelmingly positive. Since this is a metarule – a rule governing the formation of other rules – the process needed the approval of the AGLOA Board of Directors, which did so for immediate implementation.

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With many coaching *LinguiSHTIK* as well as Math games, the idea took hold in the Language Arts Committee as well.

During the first two weeks following Nationals, judges provided input on the question of what majority would be needed for a proposal to pass. The new Slack channel was utilized to share ideas. The result was consensus that the percentage should be more than 51%, with 60% being the most popular. The discussion also produced agreement that no quorum would be required this first year.

### Question – *Propaganda*

One of the Jr/Sr *Propaganda* examples at nationals for Section **B** was this:

Ad: “Think inside the Box. Enjoy the excitement of LSU baseball at Alex Box Stadium. Season tickets available now.”

Why did the Panel think the answer is Quotation Out of Context and not Shift of Meaning?

### Answer

Shift of Meaning involves using a word or phrase twice with a different meaning the second time from the first. However, in this case, the word “Box” is not used with a different meaning the second time. The twisting of the quotation “Think outside the box” to “Think inside the Box” gives both uses of “Box” the same meaning – the stadium.

### Question – *Theme*

What are the subcategories for the Theme for 2017-18?

### Answer

The categories and subcategories are listed below.

## **Propaganda Sections 2017-18**

The *Propaganda* sections for next year in all divisions are: **B, C, D, and F.**

## GREEK AND ROMAN MYTHOLOGY

### **I. IT'S ALL GREEK TO ME**

#### **A. 12 Major Greek Gods of Mount Olympus**

-parentage/origination stories, powers/expertise/symbol, relationships with other gods, children

-corresponding Roman gods

#### **B. Minor Greek Gods**

-powers/expertise

-corresponding Roman gods

### **II. WHEN IN ROME, DO AS THE ROMANS DO**

#### **C. 12 Major Roman Gods**

-parentage/origination stories, powers/expertise/symbol, relationships with other gods, children

-corresponding Greek gods

#### **D. Minor Roman Gods**

- powers/expertise
- corresponding Greek gods

**III. MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURES, MONSTERS AND BEASTS**

- Greek and Roman
- parentage/origination stories, powers/expertise, relationships with other gods, children
- compare/contrast Greek and Roman

**IV. WHERE IN THE WORLD AM I?**

- Famous places in Greek and Roman mythology
- Modern-day places named for people, places, creatures and gods from Greek and Roman mythology

**V. WE'RE ONLY HUMAN**

- Major Greek and Roman heroes and demigods (parentage, personal stories, relationships with gods)
- compare/contrast Greek and Roman

**VI. INSPIRATION AND GUIDANCE**

- Powers and expertise of the Fates, Muses, Oracles, Grey Sisters and Sirens

**12 Major Greek and Roman Gods**

GREEK	ROMAN	GOD OF...	SYMBOL
1. Zeus	Jupiter/Jove	King of the Gods	Thunderbolt, eagle and oak tree
2. Hera	Juno	Queen of the Gods	Peacock, cow, wedding ring
3. Poseidon	Neptune	The Sea	Sea, trident, horse, dolphin
4. Hades	Pluto	The Underworld	Pomegranate, cap of invisibility
5. Hestia	Vesta	Hearth/Home	Fireplace
6. Athena	Minerva	Wisdom/War	Owl, olive, tree, plow, loom
7. Artemis	Diana	Moon/Hunt	Moon, deer, silver bow and arrows
8. Apollo	Apollo	Light/Music/Prophecy	Lyre, sun, mice, Laurel tree
9. Aphrodite	Venus	Love/Beauty	Dove, swan, roses
10. Hephaestus	Vulcan	Fire/Forge	Hammer, quail
11. Ares	Mars	War	Dog, wild boar, vulture
12. Hermes	Mercury	Messenger/Divine Herald	Caduceus, crane

The minor heroes and demigods will also be listed.

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