



**COMPETITION EXPLANATION
&
PRELIMINARY ROUNDS TEAM PAIRINGS
MYDT 2019**

The preliminary round pairings were created through entirely random process. Each team was arbitrarily assigned a number. Lists of random numbers from 1 to the number of teams in that age group regenerated. The lists were examined pairwise to determine the pairings. When the age group had an odd number of teams, the final unpaired number would be the team assigned a bye for that round. A team can only have one bye in the preliminary rounds.

An example should clarify this process. Let's assume there are 7 teams. We number the teams 1 through 7:

1. Mango
2. Pineapple
3. Papaya
4. Grapefruit
5. Blueberry
6. Kumquat
7. Lychee

We generate 30 sequences of the digits from 1 to 7 in random order using a random number generator. We evaluate them in the order they were generated. As an illustration, I have shown the first 8 sequences.

1, 4, 5, 7, 6, 2, 3

2, 7, 6, 1, 4, 3, 5

7, 1, 5, 2, 4, 6, 3 Skip because of duplicated bye team

3, 2, 5, 4, 1, 6, 7 Skip because of duplicated pairing (1 v. 6) with the second line

3, 2, 6, 5, 4, 7, 1

7, 4, 1, 2, 6, 3, 5

3, 4, 7, 1, 6, 2, 5

5, 3, 1, 7, 4, 2, 6

From the first line we have

ROUND 1

1 v 4 or mango v grapefruit

5 v 7 or blueberry v lychee

6 v 2 or kumquat v pineapple

3 bye or papaya has a bye

From the second line we have

ROUND 2

2 v 7 or pineapple v lychee

6 v 1 or kumquat v mango

4 v 3 or grapefruit v papaya

5 bye or blueberry has a bye

Line three has 3 (papaya) as the bye team again so we skip the entire line

Line four has 1 v 6 (mango v kumquat) which is a duplicate of a matchup round 2 so we skip the entire line.

From line five we have

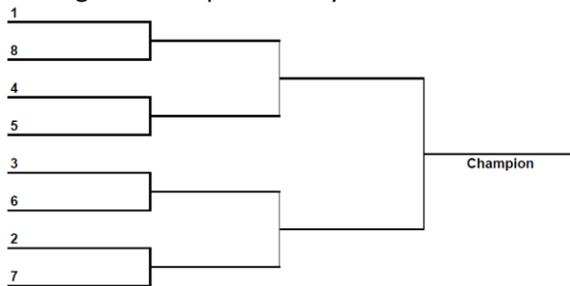
ROUND 3

3 v 2 or papaya v pineapple
6 v 5 or kumquat v blueberry
4 v 7 or grapefruit v lychee
1 bye or mango has a bye

The remaining lines are not used but were generated in case they were needed.

Semifinals

Each debater will receive a score for his or her performance in a debate. The scores for all three debaters will be totaled for the Team Debate Score. Since all the teams may not have the same number of debates because of byes, the Team Debate Scores for each team will be averaged (Total of Team Debate Scores / number of debates) to give the Overall Team Debate Score. The teams will be ranked based on the Overall Team Debate Score and the top 8 teams will advance to the quarterfinals for the elimination rounds. The pairings in the elimination round will be based on the ranking from the preliminary debates.



TIE BREAKERS

We will compare tied teams or debaters using the following subscores:

1. Subtotal of the Logic & Relevance plus Refutation & Clash
2. Refutation & Clash scores
3. TBD