

RULES COMMITTEE CLARIFICATIONS

UPDATED: November 27, 2013

Below are the latest clarifications from the Rules Committee:

- **Sweepstakes points BC: one point for a 1 in preliminary rounds (no doubling for duos)**
- **A-BC: the debate bye gets a point for all rounds and the bye counts as a win for divisional record.**
- **SPOI rules do allow for hand gestures. While the binder must be held (by at least one hand), and feet must remain stationary, there is no direct rule against hand gestures.**
- **Timing Clarification: Some competitors have been saying their code, the title and author and/or intro and then starting the timer. This is a time violation since the timing rule B. 3. D. states: "The competitor will give his or her code number, put the time in clear view of the presenter, press start, and begin speaking."**

Debate Topic Note:

The correct Policy Debate Topic is:

The United States federal government should substantially increase its economic engagement toward Cuba, Mexico or Venezuela.