

## Elimination Round Format and Rules

*Seventy-seven (77) contestants will advance to a Semifinal Round, which will feature four chambers of competition. Each of these chambers will be adjudicated by a panel of two Scorers and a Parliamentarian.*

At the conclusion of the Semifinal Round, each of the two *Scorers* and the *Parliamentarian* in each chamber will independently rank the top six students in the session on the basis of Best Legislator. The rankings by the *Scorers* and the *Parliamentarian* will be converted by the Tabulation Staff using a credit system as in the Preliminary Competition, with 1st place earning 6 credits, 2nd place earning 5 credits, and so on through the 6th place legislator who will receive 1 credit. The eight legislators whose names do not appear on a given rank form receive zero (0) credits from that *Scorer*. Two students will be selected for the Super Session from each Semifinal chamber on the basis of these judge credits. One student will also advance to the Super Session on the basis of the *Parliamentarian's* preference for *Best Legislator* in each chamber.

Independent of the above process, a preferential ballot election will be held from a slate of six candidates as determined by the rankings of the *Scorers*. Each legislator will cast one vote in this election, as will the *Parliamentarian* (whose ballot will be weighted at 2 student votes and will also serve as a tie-breaker). The top two students in the preferential balloting will advance to the Super Session.

Thus, five students will advance to the Super Session from each Semifinal Chamber as follows:

1. 2 students on the basis of *preferential balloting*
2. 2 students on the basis of *total judge credits*
3. 1 student selected as *Best Legislator* by the *Parliamentarian*

*Twenty (20) students will advance to the Yale Invitational Super Congress.*

A panel of five *Scorers* and one *Parliamentarian* will evaluate the Super Congress. At the conclusion of the Super Congress, each will independently complete a ranking form for *Best Legislator* listing a maximum of ten competitors. The ranking forms of the *Scorers* will be converted by the Tabulation Staff into a credit system as outlined in the section on the Semifinal Round above. Those ten legislators who receive the highest number of credits will comprise the top ten contestants at the Yale Invitational. Each legislator as well as the *Parliamentarian* will complete a blind preferential ballot at the conclusion of the Super Congress that includes the names of each competitor in the Super Congress. The Tabulation Staff will also convert each *Scorer's* ranking form into a preferential ballot; along with the *Parliamentarian's* ballot, each of these will carry a weight of 3 student votes. These preferential ballots will then be used to determine the Champion of the Yale Invitational, with the *Parliamentarian's* ballot being a tie-breaker.