

Round Robin Presiding Officer Candidate Statements:

I am William Naviaux and I am a junior from New Trier High school in Illinois, and would like to be your Presiding Officer. I have Presiding experience, including getting best Presiding Officer at the Dowling Catholic Invitational last weekend. Furthermore I have presided at numerous other tournaments. While I have experience presiding I would prefer to preside one of the first 2 sessions given that I have not been in emergency session before and would like to not preside over it given the intricacies of presiding over such a session.

Devon Shewell

As your presiding officer, I ensure that my chamber is ran with two key principles in mind. I center the chamber upon fairness and efficiency. Throughout my four years of Congressional Debate, I have served as a presiding officer at every level, from local tournaments to NSDA Nationals. Having served as presiding officer for more than forty hours of session, I understand each and every aspect of acting as the chair, from recognizing the will of the majority and the rights of the minority. Fairness in every aspect of the debate, whether it be recognition of speakers or through the formal amendment process, is present in a chamber under my lead. I wish to serve as your presiding officer for the prestigious Blake Round Robin, to facilitate and promote fair, equitable debate.

Hello, my name is Nautica Flowers! I'm a senior at Eagan High School, and I've been in debate for four years. I'd love to PO for you because I understand how a good PO equals a good round of debate. I make sure that my chambers run as quickly as possible by knowing all of the motions, not wasting time with unnecessary talking, and knowing which speakers to call on immediately. To give every speaker a chance to shine, I follow NSDA procedures of calling on speakers randomly without bias or favor for certain competitors until precedence and recency is set. In a round robin, questioning is a very important aspect so I make sure that questions are as succinct as possible. I make sure that the debating is done by the chamber, so while I will make suggestions to the chamber if things are not running smoothly, I believe it's important that they're the ones making motions and giving speeches as they see fit. My chambers run in an orderly fashion because I don't allow side conversations, discussions outside of a recess, or motions not allowed by NSDA procedure. I want the round robin to be as fun and exciting as possible while also running as efficiently and neatly as possible.