



## 2015 Bid Allocation Memo

From: Johnathan Woodward, Tabulation Director

To: All AMTA Competitors, Coaches, Hosts & Representatives

As you may recall, we initiated a new rule last year in which larger regional tournaments received eight bids to the Opening Round Championship Series. The rule worked very well last year, and we are excited to continue it this year.

By operation of Rule 6.6(2), and in consultation with Tournament Administration Committee chair Will Warihay, I am happy to announce that all 2015 Regional tournaments with **24 or more bid-eligible teams (i.e., not including the Bye-Buster)** will receive eight bids to the Opening Round Championship Series.

**Assuming that today's registration numbers remain constant**, this means that the following Regional tournaments will carry an 8<sup>th</sup> bid: Baltimore, Buffalo, Claremont, Dallas, Jackson, Joliet, Kansas City, New Haven, Orlando, Oxford, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond, and Topeka. All other Regionals have 23 teams or fewer, and will carry seven bids to ORCS.

Note that many of the sites above are at exactly 24 teams. If one or more teams withdraw from competition from any given Regional tournament such that it falls below 24 teams, that site will no longer carry an eighth bid. These bids will revert to open bids.

Again, **assuming that these numbers remain constant**, this means that 189 of the 192 bids to ORCS will be distributed directly from Regionals, and we will start the season with 3 open bids. Additional open bids are created when a school earns more than 2 bids to ORCS. Those excess bids automatically become open bids by rule.

At all but three of the sites carrying an 8<sup>th</sup> bid, the 8th bid will feed to the same ORCS already designated for that tournament. In Baltimore, Buffalo, and Richmond, the extra eighth bid is initially listed as feeding into a different ORCS location on the same weekend. Our intent is to move these ORCS bids to the same location as each Regional's other bids; however, we can't do so until additional open bids created over the course of the Regional season give us the space to do so.

If you have any questions, you are welcome to reach me by email at [amta.tab@collegemocktrial.org](mailto:amta.tab@collegemocktrial.org).

Good luck!