

**Motion** to amend Rule 6.6(2) as follows:

**Rule 6.6 Opening Round Championship Series Bids.**

**(2) ALLOCATION OF BIDS TO REGIONALS.** The total number of bids to the Opening Round Championship Series, as determined per Rule 6.6(1), shall be divided by the total number of Regional tournaments, with the resulting number being designated as the "Baseline" number of bids allocated to each Regional tournament. If the division of total bids by total number of Regional tournaments does not result in a whole number, the result shall be rounded down to the nearest whole number. Unless otherwise adjusted in accordance with subsections (a) and (b) below, all Regional tournaments shall receive the "Baseline" number of bids to the designated Opening Round Championship Series tournament(s).

**(a) Allocation of bids to Regionals with 20 or more bid-eligible teams.** Should the number of Regionals not allow for equal distribution of the bids, each Regional shall receive the same number of bids, as outlined in Rule 6.6(2) above, and the remainder shall be distributed jointly by the National Tabulation Director and the Tournament Administration Committee Chair as follows: Regionals with 20 or more bid-eligible teams will be ranked according to the number of teams registered 48 hours prior to the start of the first Regional, from largest to smallest. The unassigned bids will be allocated beginning with the largest Regional tournament. If not all Regional tournaments with the same number of teams can be logistically accommodated, those bids will remain open bids. The number of bids allocated to each Regional will be confirmed at the time of each Regional tournament's registration based upon the number of teams that actually begin in Round 1. If the number of registered teams necessitates a change in the number of ORCS bids assigned, the AMTA Representatives, in consultation with the National Tabulation Director, will announce such at the Opening Ceremony. If team(s) withdraw from a Regional tournament during or after Round 1 begins, the number of bids will not be affected. If a bid is removed from a Regional, that bid shall become an Open Bid.

**(b) Allocation of bids to regionals with fewer than 20 bid-eligible teams.** For Regional tournaments with fewer than 20 bid-eligible teams, Opening Round Championship Series bids shall be allocated as follows:

<b>No. of Bid-Eligible Teams</b>	<b>ORCS Bids Allocated</b>
At least 6, but fewer than 9	"Baseline" minus 5
At least 9, but fewer than 12	"Baseline" minus 4
At least 12, but fewer than 15	"Baseline" minus 3
At least 15, but fewer than 18	"Baseline" minus 2
At least 18, but fewer than 20	"Baseline" minus 1

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***Rationale:*** Rule 6.6 was updated years ago to allow for the even distribution of ORCS bids to all Regionals in this world where the number of Regional tournaments fluctuates from year-to-year. In doing so, the first part of the Rule (6.6(1)) was adjusted, but the second part was not. This Motion seeks to accomplish the original goal of the re-working of the bid allocation rule by removing the rigid number requirements for the smaller tournaments and making it all relative to the number of bids given to each Regional. By establishing a "Baseline" number of bids and working from that number, this rule becomes more workable in a world where the number of regionals is fluid and changes from year-to-year based on available hosts, number of teams, and demand, while also keeping the proportions of teams that advance even relative to each Regional across the country.