

Part 1 – Notes/General Rules/Sources

Notes

This book contains the official rules and regulations for the Virginia State Association competitions and awards. It is the property of the chapter and should be made a part of the permanent records of the chapter.

Changes in the source documents may happen at any time. For purposes of Virginia State Association competitions, we will operate on a twelve-month system which will begin and end on the last day of Conclave. Therefore, any rule changes will become effective after the next Conclave or in accordance with the Statutes of the Virginia State Association of DeMolay.

Section 100. General Rules

- 100.1 Each regional winner is automatically eligible for the state competitions. It is assumed that each chapter will have a runoff and then each region will conduct its own competitions. The state winner is automatically eligible for the Mid-Atlantic Tournament of Champions (MATOC) based competitions.
- 100.2 All competitors must be a DeMolay in good standing and have said both obligations in open chapter, and be registered for the full event where competitions are being held.
- 100.3 The competitors must not have reached their 21st birthday.
- 100.4 The state winner for individual ritual competitions is not eligible to compete in the same category in future years.
- 100.5 There will be no grace period. If the competitor is not at the assigned site at the designated time, it will constitute a forfeit unless an excuse has been received and approved by the Director of Competitions prior to the competition.
- 100.6 MATOC rules apply to all ritual competitions.
- 100.7 [Deleted]
- 100.8 No part may be filled by more than one person in a ritual competition.
- 100.9 If a speaking part in a ritual competition is filled with a member from another chapter, 100 points will be deducted from the final score.
- 100.10 A non-speaking role in a ritual competition may be filled by a proficient member from another chapter without penalty.

- 100.11 Judging panel for state level ritual competitions must consist of at least two judges for each appropriate category:
- Ritual Judge
 - Direction Judge
 - Performance Judge
- 100.12 The competitor in a ritual competition with the highest number of remaining points will be declared the winner. If a tie exists the competitor with the lowest number of ritual errors will be declared the winner. The minimum scores acceptable for a winner to be declared in a competition when there is only one competitor are those listed on the MATOC web site.
- 100.13 Each chapter will provide its own robes, costumes, props, etc., that are required for the presentation of the ritual.
- 100.14 The Director of Ritual will receive the completed sets of judging sheets for ritual competitions and audit the results.
- 100.15 Competitions may not be held in all of the ritual competitions in any given year. However, the Executive Officer of Virginia may, upon recommendation from the Director of Ritual or the Director of Competitions, designate a chapter or individual to represent the Virginia State Association in the Mid-Atlantic Tournament of Champions or other Tournament of Champions based competitions.
- 100.16 If less than two competitors register to participate in a competition category, the State Association will cancel the competition in that category, declare no winner in that competition category, and award no trophy for that competition category in the given year. This rule only applies to the following competition categories: Basketball, Billiards, Chess, Softball, Tennis Doubles, Tennis Singles, and Volleyball.¹

Section 101. Sources

101.1 SOURCES

- Closed Competitions: Ritual of Secret Work of the Order of DeMolay, Fifteenth Edition.
- Open Competitions: Monitor of Ceremonies, DeMolay International, Seventh Edition, 2017.
- The Mid-Atlantic Tournament of Champions (MATOC) “Rules, Contest Procedures, and Specifics” as found on the MATOC web site.

¹ Item 100.16 was added to the competitions manual by a majority vote of the State Association at the July 2023 Conclave.