Temporary Rules for Advancement
To the California State Championships
Effective March 4, 2020

Highest Scoring School Team advances as follows:
• 1 – 41 or more schools registered in chapter – allowed 1 Team

If the winner of the Chapter Competition is not able or willing to attend the State Competition the second place team will be allowed to advance to the State Competition.

Advancing Teams will be the top scoring Teams based on overall Team scores at the Chapter Competition.

Independents are selected as follows:
• 1 -41 or more Schools registered in chapter – 1 Independent advances

Independent will be the top scoring competitor at the Chapter Competition (based on Sprint and Target Round scores), who are not on the advancing School Team. Independent may have been registered as a school Team Member or an Individual. Regardless of registration status at the chapter level, Independents will compete only in the Sprint and Target Rounds at the State Competition.

The top scoring competitor will advance to the State Competition as an “Independent”. S/he has progressed to the State Competition based on his/her own merit and will compete at the State Competition without a team. This California-specific term has been created to easily identify this type of competitor.
• Independents will participate in the Sprint and Target rounds only
• Independents will also be eligible for individual competitor awards and advancement to the national competition.

Substitutions:
Coaches may not substitute a Team Member for the State Competition unless a student voluntarily releases his/her position on the school team. Such a request must be submitted in writing to the State Coordinator two weeks prior to the competition. Exceptions to this rule will be considered by the State Coordinator on a case by case basis.

Substitutions that are not recorded with the State Coordinator by 10 am the day prior to the event will not be recognized and the student will not be allowed to compete under any circumstances.
Additional restrictions on substitutions such as requiring parental release are at the discretion of the State Coordinator.

**State Competition Cap**
The state reserves the right to place a cap on the total number of students at the State Competition at 145 participants statewide. Because the approximate number of competitors is not available until final registration has been completed, the State Coordinator will make any necessary adjustments to the above described advancement numbers and notify all chapter coordinators at that time. It will be the responsibility of the Chapter Coordinator to notify their participating coaches of any changes.