



SOUTHERN FRIED POETRY, INC.

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From the desk of the tournament committee:

Greetings! This letter is to inform participants of the 2021 Southern Fried Poetry Slam of an adjustment to the scoring system. The tournament committee has decided to alter the scoring system after considering feedback and questions regarding the bout structure. Since our tournament did not reach full capacity this year, the bouts have been set unevenly, with some bouts including three teams and others including four. There are also some bouts that have an uneven distribution of individual poet competitors. We worked to structure the tournament as fairly as possible; however, the tournament committee was hesitant to restructure the bout schedule because of the limited capacity of volunteers, judges, and streaming capabilities for this virtual tournament.

To compromise, the tournament committee has made the following adjustments to the scoring system for this tournament (and this tournament only): first, the lowest rank that any team can receive in a bout is now a three. This will not affect any of the bouts with three teams, since they will be ranked first, second, and third at the conclusion of the bout. Bouts with four teams will receive an adjusted ranking, with the winning team receiving a rank of one, the second place team receiving a two, and the remaining teams receiving a rank of three. Accordingly, the lowest rank that an individual competitor can receive is now a fourteen. This may result in some tied ranks at the end of the tournament, but it will ensure that no one is penalized if they are scheduled to compete in a stacked bout.



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If you have any questions or concerns about this adjusted bout structure, please reach out to the tournament committee through our official email at info@southernfriedpoetryslam.com. We try our best to incorporate feedback from slammasters and competitors and are confident this compromise alleviates any concerns. We look forward to seeing you in the virtual bouts!