

## LinguiSHTIK Rules Changes effective July 2009

### Changes for the Elementary Division:

1. There is a change in "our" definition of Independent Clause to match that of the grammar book. **A simple sentence is an independent clause.** Prior to this, our rules said that "for the purpose of LING, a simple sentence is not an independent clause." That has been changed. Our official grammar resource defines a simple sentence as an Independent Clause. The change was made to help LinguiSHTIK line up with the grammar that is taught in Language Arts classes. *Note: independent clause does not appear as a general demand in either the Middle or Junior Senior Divisions.*
2. There is a change on the **Elementary Order of Play Sheet** in the list of PHRASES under ELEMENTARY GENERAL DEMANDS, letter "M." Three types of phrases: *prepositional phrase*, *adjective phrase*, and *adverb phrase*, have been removed. Players may not demand that the word to be formed be contained in any type of prepositional phrase; however, prepositions may still be called under the TYPE demand for Player Two. Recently, especially at the national level, we have had the complication of noun clauses, participial phrases, etc. being written inside prepositional phrases in the Elementary Division. Removing prepositional phrases from the PHRASES General Demands should eliminate that complication and will encourage better sentence writing. (This change has also been made to the LinguiSHTIK Tournament Rules LT16.)

### Changes for the Middle Division:

1. There is a change on the **Middle Order of Play Sheet** in the list of VERBS under MIDDLE DIVISION GENERAL DEMANDS, letter "J." Four verb forms have been removed: *imperative mood*, *emphatic form*, *transitive*, and *intransitive*. This action was taken because there was too big a jump in the level of difficulty from Elementary to Middle play in LinguiSHTIK. (This change has also been made to the LinguiSHTIK Tournament Rules LT16.)
2. There is a change on the **Middle Order of Play Sheet** in the list of VERBS under MIDDLE DIVISION GENERAL DEMANDS, letter "J." Instead of the verb tenses listed under #13-23 (*simple present tense*, *simple past tense*, *simple future tense*, etc.) the list now has the following:
  8. simple tense<sup>+</sup>
  9. perfect tense<sup>+</sup>
  10. progressive tense<sup>+</sup>
  11. perfect progressive tense<sup>+</sup>  
*+player may choose to designate present, past or future when tense is called (not as an additional demand)*

On the Middle Division Order of Play Sheet there was a huge, intimidating list of verb tenses that could be called. By simplifying this list, players can choose one of the basic four tense forms listed, and if they wish, may designate either present, past or future tenses when they make their demand. If they do not specify when the demand is made, then it will be assumed that solution writers would be correct in writing either present, past or future forms of the basic tense demanded. (This change has also been made to the LinguiSHTIK Tournament Rules LT16.)

### Changes for the Junior/Senior Division:

1. There is a change on the **Junior/Senior Order of Play Sheet** in the list of VERBS under JUNIOR & SENIOR DIVISION GENERAL DEMANDS, letter "J." Instead of the verb tenses listed under #17-28 (*simple present tense*, *simple past tense*, *simple future tense*, etc.) the list now has the following:
  17. simple tense\*\*
  18. perfect tense\*\*
  19. progressive tense\*\*
  20. perfect progressive tense\*\*

*\*\*player may choose to designate present, past or future  
when tense is called (not as an additional demand)*

On the Junior/Senior Division Order of Play Sheet there was a huge, intimidating list of verb tenses that could be called. By simplifying this list, players can choose one of the basic four tense forms listed, and if they wish, may designate either present, past or future tenses when they make their demand. If they do not specify when the demand is made, then it will be assumed that solution writers would be correct in writing either present, past or future forms of the basic tense demanded. (This change has also been made to the LinguiSHTIK Tournament Rules LT16.)

**The following updated documents will appear on the [academicgames.org](http://academicgames.org) website this summer. You should download and use these new editions for all tournament play. These will be the resources used for the 2010 National Tournament.**

1. Elementary Order of Play Sheet 2009
2. Middle Order of Play Sheet 2009
3. Junior/Senior Order of Play Sheet 2009 (there are two .pdf files - front & back sides)
4. LinguiSHTIK Tournament Rules 2009-2010
5. Revised Dictionary of Terms 2009

In addition, any coach or player is welcome to **order** the latest version of the **LinguiSHTIK Judges Manual 2008 Edition**. The manual has explanations of the game with many example sentences. It is a necessary resource for any coach who plans to take the LinguiSHTIK Judges Test. It also makes a good “teacher’s manual” to help coaches train their players.