

TFA Amendment

If four preliminary rounds are held at the state tournament:

If four debate rounds are held at TFA State all students with a 3 -1 record or better should advance to the first elimination round (not exceeding 64 students/teams).

If five preliminary rounds are held at the state tournament:

At the TFA state debate tournament, all teams or individuals (LD) with a record of 4 -1 or better will participate in an elimination round. If the number of debaters with that record is greater than 16 or 32 (depending on the size of the tournament) then elimination rounds would begin with the partial pairing of the next appropriate elimination bracket. If a partial triple octofinals would be appropriate, then those individuals with the lowest 4-1 records would be paired against each other (32&33; 31&34; 30 & 35, etc.) until there were no other pairings. All individuals/teams with records equal to or greater than 4-1 with sufficient speaker points would receive a “bye” to the next elimination round. For example, the 1st seed in the above example would not have to debate until the double octofinal round. They would debate the winner of the 32 & 33 seed pairing.

If six rounds or more are held at the state tournament:

If the number of entries in debate reach 150 entries all students/teams with a 4 -2 record will advance to a partial triple octofinal round . If the number of students/teams exceed 150 entries, 64 students/teams, or the number of entries with a 4 -2 record (whichever is smaller) will qualify for the first elimination round.