

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT FORM

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Rationale for Amendment: The 'free' Senate entry was proposed when TFA was much smaller and there was an effort being made to grow the organization and encourage 'new' schools to join. This was also when Congress wasn't a qualifying event and Senate was introduced to allow TFA members to prepare for NSDA District Qualifiers and grow the event. The membership and the event have grown substantially since then, eliminating the need for the free spot. Additionally, removal of the 'free' event would release 6-8 rooms and 18-24 session per 3 hour block (as many as 4 rounds of debate, not fewer than 2). As the state size has grown, this would not only help room usage, but also free up needed judges.

Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:

Constitution

ByLaws

Code of Professional Standards

Standing Rules: Competition Event Guide

Standing Rules: IQT Operations Manual

Standing Rules: State Tournament Operations Manual

Proposed Change(s) Page number of change: 96, 97, 109

Page 96, under State Meet; Congressional Debate; General Rules

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- *1b. Each member school may enter one contestant in the United States Senate. These students may not have qualified in any other event and will compete in a separate division from the United States House.*

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- *1c. Students qualified for the United States House at the State Tournament may compete in up two Individual Events in which they have also qualified, at the discretion of the TFA Executive Council. ~~Students in the United States Senate may not compete in any other event.~~*

Page 97, under State Meet; Congressional Debate; Procedural Rules

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- **3. Presiding Officer:** A presiding officer shall be elected at the beginning of each House/~~Senate~~ preliminary session. At the conclusion of the Prelim sessions, each chamber will vote for their outstanding P.O. This student will be presented with a gavel at the awards ceremony.

Page 109, under State Meet; Awards

REMOVE THE WORDS *US Senate*

- 3b. Consolation Events (Prose, Poetry, Impromptu, and US Senate)

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- 3b. i) ~~One point shall be awarded for semifinals participation in the United States Senate~~

REMOVE THE WORDS *and finals in United States Senate not making the top 8*

- 3b. ii) Two points shall be awarded for participating in semifinals in consolation events ~~and finals in United States Senate not making the top 8.~~

REMOVE THE WORDS *and 4th through 8th in the United States Senate*

- 3b. iii) Five points shall be awarded for non-placing participants in finals in consolation events ~~and 4th through 8th in the United States Senate.~~