

An Amendment To Create a Penalty System for IQT Hosting Payments

Under Article III Membership - Section 5

Section 5: The membership period is from September 1 to September 1. Benefits for the current membership year shall be extended only to those paying membership dues on or before January 31. Schools hosting a TFA qualifier must become members before October 31, either through an individual membership or institutional membership.

Add: **Schools hosting an IQT tournament that do not pay by the October 31 deadline will incur the following penalty based on payment made.**
If paid between November 1 and November 30 - \$100 fine.
If paid between December 1 and December 31 - \$200 fine.
If paid after December 31st, the hosting school will be sanctioned from hosting a tournament in the following season.

Rationale - Currently the penalty for schools paying after the deadline is for the tournament to be sanctioned. This punishment seems egregious for newcomer coaches and a step system with penalties may be more palatable. Fines collected can go to scholarships. A penalty of some sort does need to be put in place to encourage timely payment of dues.

This amendment will go into effect immediately upon passage.