

## An Amendment to Add a Penalty System to Schools Paying TFA Dues Late

### Under #3 - Entry and Eligibility (State Tournament)

3. In order to participate at the State Tournament, the student's school or his coach must be a member of the Texas Forensic Association with membership dues paid on or before January 31st.

Add:

**If the school or coach is not a member by January 31st, the following penalty will be assessed based on time of payment.**

- 1. If dues are paid by February 15th - \$100 fine.**
- 2. If dues are paid between February 16th and state registration - \$200 fine.**
- 3. If dues are not paid by registration at the state tournament the school will forfeit all entries into the state tournament.**

**Proof of payment is the responsibility of the school and all fines must be paid before students are allowed to compete.**

Rationale - Sometimes the payment process for entering the state contest can be hard to navigate for new coaches. The current process is to disallow students to compete at state if they miss the deadline. This system allows schools the opportunity to pay fines while still allowing the student to compete at the state tournament. Fines will go towards scholarships.

This amendment will go into effect immediately upon passage.