



Texas Forensic Association

Constitutional Amendment Form

The following must be provided before your proposal will be accepted by the Executive Committee.

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Rationale for Amendment: The EC chooses each year to develop a new tournament schedule for the state tournament. The changes make it difficult to plan for travel and accommodations for the tournament. It also places a burden on the tournament host to adjust to the schedule. The expectations for what the membership expects and what the host can provide need to be taken into consideration. The argument may be made that school districts can not meet some demands of the schedule because they can not release school. Under our current system, they can't do that because the tournament site decision is often made long after school districts have set their calendar for that year. Determining a schedule that is consistent let's school hosts know the expectation of when rounds should occur so that can be a part of the request made for the tournament host.

Section of the Constitution where Change occurs

- Cons1tituti1on
- By-Laws
- Code of Professional Standards
- Standing Rules: Competiti1on Event Guide
- Standing Rules: IQT Opera1ons Manual
- Standing Rules: State Tournament Operati1ons Manual

Page number of change: p. 84-85 under State Tournament General Rules

Select One of the Following: Add Language Delete Language Amend Language

Implementation Time Frame: 2021 State Tournament

Proposed Change(s) *(List the change/add here. Changes should include any language you are replacing from the existing constitution along with the proposed new language.)*

 The TFA State Tournament will have a minimum of 5 rounds of preliminary competition in debate; three rounds of preliminary competition in individual events; two preliminary sessions in Congressional Debate. The elimination round level will be determined by the number of participants, but will guarantee that any debate contestant with one or fewer losses participates in an elimination round. The number of rounds scheduled for debate on the final day can not be more than the number of rounds that are scheduled for the first two days of competition. When debate requires a power matched preliminary round, there will always be an individual event round scheduled prior to the power matched round to make sure power matching can occur in a timely fashion that will not delay the overall tournament. If

possible, debate and individual event rounds should alternate after the completion of the first two pre-set rounds of debate. A possible tournament format could be as follows:

Day 1

Round 1 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Round 2 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Round 1 IE's (USX, IX, OO, Info, DI, HI, DUO, POI)

Round 3 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Day 2

Round 4 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Round 2 IE's (USX, IX, OO, Info, DI, HI, DUO, POI)

Round 5 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Round 3 IE's (USX, IX, OO, Info, DI, HI, DUO, POI)

Round 6 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Elim 1 IE's (USX, IX, OO, Info, DI, HI, DUO, POI)

Elim 1 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Day 3

Elim 2 IE's (USX, IX, OO, Info, DI, HI, DUO, POI)

Elim 2 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Elim 3 IE's (USX, IX, OO, Info, DI, HI, DUO, POI)

Elim 3 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS; CD)

Elim 4 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS)

Elim 5 Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS)

Elim 6 (if needed) Debate (CX; LD; PF; WS)

Depending on when rounds can begin on the second day, a preliminary round of debate may be eliminated. The format would remain the same with the first elimination rounds of IE's and debate following the final debate round. The elimination rounds of debate could be accelerated at any time if there are no conflicts with contestants participating in other events and room accessibility.