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Rationale for Amendment: The TFA Constitution currently does not provide any explanation of how tournament officials are to determine if internet restrictions put forth in the constitution were followed in the event of a protest. The proposed language would empower officials to search the files of students in the event of such a protest. The language below is identical to that used by the National Speech and Debate Association. Students who do not wish to have their computers searched by officials can simply choose to not use them.

Section of Constitution Where Change Occurs: Standing Rules: Competition Event Guide

Page Number of Change: 44

Add, Delete, or Amend: Add

Implementation Timeframe: Immediately upon passage

Proposed Change: Add the following after "Use of Computers During a Round," section 2 subsection d:

E. By choosing to use electronic devices in the round, debaters and other relevant parties are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their devices in the event of a protest. The device may only be searched by tournament officials and must be restricted to files and/or electronic exchanges relevant to the protest. Failure to comply would result in the upholding of the protest. Debaters and coaches should be present as their device is searched. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use electronic devices in the round.