



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 language in the TFA Constitution regarding the number of quoted words and tournament director's ability to request copies of speeches in Informative Speaking seems to read as if it only applies to the state tournament. This new language would make the rule consistent with Original Oratory and include the penalties that apply to Original Oratory for failing to provide an IQT tournament director with a copy of the Informative Speech draft upon request.

Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:

Standing Rules: Competition Event Guide

Page number of change: 64

Select One of the Following: Add Language Delete Language

Implementation Time Frame: Immediately upon passage

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.)*

Strike the following:

~~Each year, specific documentation will be required by the Executive council for entry into the State Tournament. During the online registration process, coaches will be required to provide the oratory title. The competitor's typed informative is required to be submitted during the registration process.~~

~~a. All quoted material must be underlined and/or printed in red. Quoted material may not exceed 150 words.~~

~~b. A cover sheet with title, student's name and signature, coach's name and signature, and the school name must be completed. The cover sheet can be found online at www.txfa.org.~~

~~c. Informatives need to be available for the duration of the tournament.~~

Replace with:

3. Not more than 150 words of the oration may be a direct quotation from any other speech or writing, and such quotations shall be identified in the written copy of the speech. Extensive paraphrasing of any source is prohibited. Violation shall result in disqualification from the tournament. A written copy of the oration must be available to the tournament director upon request. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.