



**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:**

Currently, individuals qualifying tournaments are actively allowing students who are not in high school to compete at Individual Qualifying Tournaments' in the State of Texas. These invitationals are collecting fees for these students. While I feel the Directors of programs should do what is developmentally appropriate in allowing middle school students to compete against high school students, if these students are charged the same fees, and the numbers count towards certifying the final numbers in events, they should be allowed to compete at TFA if they earned the points to qualify.

**Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:**

- Constitution
- Bylaws
- Code of Professional Standards
- Standing Rules: Competition Event Guide
- Standing Rules: IQT Operations Manual
- Standing Rules: State Tournament Operations Manual

Page number of change: Page 89

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

Implementation Time Frame: IF approved, this amendment will take effect immediately (and if points have been earned in the 2020-2021 season will be counted retroactively)

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.) season will be counted retroactively

Current wording:

A student must be a currently enrolled high school student in grades 9-12 in order to qualify for the State Tournament. Graduation prior to the State Tournament does not prevent a student from participating in the State Tournament.

Suggested wording:

A student must be a currently enrolled student in a Texas educational institution (and compete for that same institution) to qualify for the State Tournament. Graduation prior to the State Tournament does not prevent a student from participating in the State Tournament.