



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:**

         | New VQT rules encourage digital recording of events offered at TFA events. In fact, all TFA students should have a media release signed by parents. Not allowing recording is in tension with that requirement. Independent of a virtual world, students learn from watching their debates and redoing speeches etc. Recording also allows for the potential of enhanced safeguarding and security concerns as well.

**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: 76

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

Implementation Time Frame: This Amendment if approved, will take effect immediately.

**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.)

- Current wording – Page 76: Videotaping of rounds will not be allowed. The use of audio recordings will only be used to ensure that students accurately represent the material they read during debates.
- Participants who are recorded may require the recording be deleted after the judge has rendered a decision and ethics charges were not raised during the debate.
- New wording:
- Digital recording of rounds will be allowed in Texas Forensic Association Individual Qualifying
- Tournaments: The use of recordings will be used to ensure that students accurately represent the material they read during debates, in addition to other educational purposes. Those who record competitions shall not utilize those images for monetary gain.