



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: TFA's publication and documentation requirements for acceptable Interp material are currently tied directly to the NSDA acceptable website list. A recent NSDA decision has been made that renders that list obsolete. The NSDA decision was made in the pursuit of equity, by allowing access to performance literature that exists outside traditional publication structures and represents populations that are currently underrepresented. TFA should follow suit. This amendment will add language that mirrors the acceptable Interp material guidelines of NSDA, and will delete any current language that otherwise refers to an NSDA approved Website list.

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: 60, 61, 63, 65, 70, and 91

Select One of the Following: Add Language and Delete Language

Implementation Time Frame: Upon Passing

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.)*

DELETE sections in brackets below:

p. 61, section 2 - or material from [approved] websites [as designated by the National Speech and Debate Association].

p. 61, Section 2 - Coaches and/or students must provide the original source, including ISBN, electronic resource, or [approved] website URL

p. 61, Section 2 - [The list of NSDA approved websites may be found at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/>.]

p. 61, Section 3 - During the online registration process, coaches will be required to provide the Duet title and ISBN number or [approved] website URL.

p. 61, Section 3b - b. A copy of the bibliographic information page or front page of the [NSDA approved] website with visible URL is required.

p. 63, Section 2 - Published can mean traditionally printed, commercially available E-Books or PDFs, or material from [approved] websites [designated by the National Speech and Debate Association]. Coaches and/or students must provide the original source, including ISBN, electronic resource, or [approved] website URL,

p. 63, Section 2 - [The list of NSDA approved websites may be found at [https://www.speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/.](https://www.speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/)]

p. 63, Section 3 - coaches will be required to provide the Duo title and ISBN number or [NSDA approved] website URL.

p. 63, Section 3b - b. A copy of the bibliographic information page or front page of the [approved] website with visible URL is required.

p. 63, Section 3c - c. A cover sheet with title, author(s), ISBN number or [NSDA approved] website URL,

p. 65, Section 1 - Published can mean traditionally printed, commercially available E-Books or PDFs, or material from [approved] websites [as designated by the National Speech and Debate Association]. Coaches and/or students must have the original source, including ISBN, electronic resource, or [approved] website URL, if one exists to the tournament director upon request.

p. 65, Section 1 - [The list of NSDA approved websites may be found at [https://www.speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/.](https://www.speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/)]

p. 65, Section 2 - During the online registration process, coaches will be required to provide the Dramatic title and ISBN number, or [approved] website URL.

p. 65, Section 2c - c. A cover sheet with title, author(s), ISBN number or [NSDA approved] website URL,

p. 70, Section 4 - Published can mean traditionally printed, commercially available E-Books or PDFs, or material from [approved] websites [as designated by the National Speech and Debate Association.]

p. 70, Section 4 - Coaches and/or students must provide the original source, in print or electronically, including ISBN, or [approved] website URL,

p. 70, Section 4 - [The list of NSDA approved websites may be found at <https://www.speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/>.]

p. 70, Section 4b - b. A copy of the bibliographic information page, or front page of the [NSDA approved] website with visible URL, for all source material is required.

p. 70, Section 4c - c. A cover sheet with title(s), author(s), ISBN number or URL from a[n NSDA approved] website, date of publication,

p. 91 - During the online registration process, coaches will be required to provide the title and ISBN number or [NSDA approved] website URL.

p. 91 - [The list of NSDA approved websites may be found at <https://speechanddebate.org/approved-websites/>.]

p. 91, Section b - b. A copy of the bibliographic information page or front page of the [NSDA approved] website with visible URL is required.

p. 91, Section c - c. A cover sheet with title, author(s), ISBN number or [NSDA approved] website URL, date of publication,

ADD the following above "Duet Acting" on Page 60, with the title: "Acceptable Interp Material Guidelines":

1. Original source material must not be written by the competitor who is performing it.
2. Original source material must be publicly accessible throughout the duration of the

tournament. Digital printed publications such as web pages and PDFs retrieved or purchased from web pages are permitted as long as the web page is publicly accessible throughout the duration of the tournament. Digital unprinted publications such as videos, audio files, and films are permitted as long as the original source is publicly accessible throughout the duration of the tournament and the competitor can obtain an official transcript of the original source. (See 2d. for official transcript details.)

- a. For print publications such as novels, short stories, plays, or poetry, the original source is the physical book or e-book. Photocopies of original literature are not acceptable. Presenting the physical book or e-book is sufficient to prove that a printed publication is publicly accessible.
- b. For digital printed publications such as web pages, original source material is no longer required to come from online publishing sources listed on the NSDA Approved Websites List. The original source must be publicly accessible for viewing or purchase by a simple internet search or by a URL not requiring passwords or access codes. Competitors must also present a printed manuscript to be used in the case of a protest, but presenting a printed copy of a website is not alone sufficient to prove that a digital printed publication is publicly accessible.
- c. PDFs are permitted as long as the website from which the PDF is retrieved or purchased is publicly accessible for viewing or purchase by a simple internet search or by a URL not requiring passwords or access codes. Competitors must also present a printed copy of the PDF to be used in the case of a protest, but presenting a printed copy of the PDF is not alone sufficient to prove that a PDF is publicly accessible.