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: _____

_____Breaking brackes for the state meet most norms of our activity. We can better keep the true ranking of debate teams by not breaking brackets. It will also speed up the releasing of the next rounds of elims reducing the need for more time to prep for a elim round._____

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Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:

_____ Constuon

_____ ByLaws

_____ Code of Professional Standards

_____ Standing Rules: Compeon Event Guide

_____ Standing Rules: IQT Operaons Manual

___x__ Standing Rules: State Tournament Operaons Manual

Page number of change: _____111_____

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

Implementation Time Frame: __2022 State Meet_____

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.)

The eligible entrants will be seeded and placed in a single-elimination bracket. If the number of eligible entrants is a power of 2 (e.g., 16, 32, 64), the highest seeded entrant will be paired against the lowest seeded entrant, the second highest seeded entrant will be paired against the second lowest seeded

entrant, and so on. If the number of eligible entrants is not a power of 2 (creating a partial bracket), byes are to be awarded in the first elimination round to the top seeds, while the lower seeded entrants must debate to earn a place in the second elimination round. The number of entrants to debate in the first elimination round is twice the difference between the number of eligible entrants and the highest power of 2 less than the number of eligible entrants. For example, if 40 entrants qualify for the first elimination round, the bottom 16 entrants (those seeded 25-40) will debate in the first elimination round (giving a bye to the top 24). This is because the largest power of 2 less than 40 is 32, and the difference between 40 and 32 is 8. Thus, there need to be 8 debates involving the bottom 16 entrants to narrow the field from 40 to 32. In this example, the 25th seed shall debate the 40th seed, the 26th seed shall debate the 39th seed, and so on. The winner of the 25 vs 40 debate will meet the 8th seed in the second elimination round, the winner of the 26 vs 39 debate will meet the 7th seed in the second elimination round, the winner of the 27 vs 38 debate will meet the 6th seed in the second elimination round, etc. Subsequent elimination round pairings will be consistent with the principle that high seed is matched against low seed. If a lower seeded entrant wins, then it "captures" the high seed for the purpose of placement in the bracket. ~~Brackets shall be broken to prevent teams from the same school from meeting; this break will occur in the round in which the meeting is scheduled to occur. Once an entrant is switched, it "captures" the seed of the entrant from the same school.~~ (Amended 10-17)