



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: To further clarify the composite rerank system for advancement to Semis and Fianls in Speech and Interpretation events.

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: ____ 116-118 _____

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

Implementation Time Frame: __ 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.)*

_This amendment would replace the word “modified”, which is used extensively in the constitution without being defined, with the work “adjusted”. Adjusted rank is the intent and is defined in the definitions section.

Composite Rerank system for advancement to Semis and Finals

1. Definitions of Terms

- a. Composite re-rank: Sum the individual judge ranks for each entry and list the entry in order of their respective totals. The entry with the lowest cumulative score would be re-ranked first, second-most as second, and so on.

- b. Adjusted rank: In sections of six or seven, each judge will rank entries through the sixth and seventh placing. The tabulation staff will adjust each rank of six or seven to a five for the purpose of creating the composite re-rank. This is the only instance when the adjusted rank is used.

- c. Actual rank: Rank the judge gave the entry, counting sixes and sevens.

2. Preliminary Rounds

- a. In the three preliminary rounds there will be two judges, whose ranks will not be combined. Individual ranks of 6 or 7 will be ~~modified-adjusted~~ to a 5.

- b. Advancing to a Quarterfinal round is based on the following:
 - i. Lowest preliminary cumulative rank total, using all six ~~modified~~ ~~adjusted~~ ranks

 - ii. Highest preliminary cumulative reciprocal total, using all six ~~modified~~ ~~adjusted~~ reciprocals

 - iii. Lowest preliminary rank total using all six ranks, reverting to original/~~unmodified-unadjusted~~ ranks

 - iv. Head-to-head in prelims (two-way ties only) using ~~unmodified~~

unadjusted ranks

- v. Lowest Opponent's Average Rank
- vi. Greatest number of 1s, then greatest number of 2s, all the way down to the worst rank using unmodified-unadjusted ranks
 - vii. Drop the worst unmodified-unadjusted rank (leaving seven unmodified-unadjusted ranks)
 - viii. Drop the best unmodified-unadjusted rank (leaving seven unmodified-unadjusted ranks)

3. Quarterfinals

a. The quarterfinal round will be power balanced with three judges in each section. All individual ranks will remain unmodified-unadjusted. The 18 students with the lowest overall cumulative rankings (from the quarterfinal and prelim rounds) will advance to the semifinal round based on the following:

- i. Lowest cumulative rank total in all rounds (modified-adjusted prelims +quarters)
- ii. Highest cumulative reciprocal total in all rounds (modified-adjusted prelims + quarters)
- iii. Lowest rank total in the quarterfinal round only
- iv. Highest reciprocal total in the quarterfinal round only
- v. Lowest Panel Rank in Quarterfinals. Panel Rank will be computed in the following way:

a. Students in the section will be ordered according to their quarterfinal rank total

b. In case of a tie, judges' preference will be employed*

c. If judges' preference is unable to break the tie, use quarterfinal round reciprocals to break the panel rank tie.

vi. Judges' preference* in quarterfinal round only (if tied contestants are in the same quarterfinal panel)

vii. Lowest Opponent's Average Rank

viii. Greatest number of 1s, then greatest number of 2s, all the way down to the worst rank in all rounds (~~modified~~adjusted prelims + quarterfinals)

ix. Preliminary rank total using ~~modified~~adjusted ranks

4. Semifinals

a. The semifinal rounds will be power balanced with three judges in each section. All individual ranks will remain ~~unmodified~~ unadjusted. The six students with the best cumulative rankings (from the semifinal, quarterfinal and preliminary rounds) will advance to the final round based on the following:

i. Lowest cumulative rank total in all rounds (~~modified~~adjusted prelims + quarters + semis)

ii. Highest cumulative reciprocal total in all rounds (~~modified~~adjusted prelims + quarters + semis)

iii. Lowest rank total in the semifinal round only

iv. Highest reciprocal total in the semifinal round only

v. Lowest Panel Rank in Semifinals. Panel Rank will be computed in the following way:

a. Students in the section will be ordered according to their semifinal rank total

b. In case of a tie, judges' preference will be employed*

c. If judges' preference is unable to break the tie, use semifinal round reciprocals to break the panel rank tie.

vi. Judges' preference* in semifinal round only (if tied contestants are in the same semifinal panel)

vii. Lowest Opponent's Average Rank

viii. Greatest number of 1s, then greatest number of 2s, all the way down to the worst rank in all rounds (modified prelims + quarterfinals + semifinals)

5. Finals

a. The final round will have five judges. The six finalists will speak in a random order. All individual ranks earned in the final round will remain ~~unmodified-unadjusted~~. Tournament placing will be determined on the following:

i. Lowest cumulative rank total in all rounds (~~modified-adjusted~~ prelims + quarters + semis + finals)

ii. Highest cumulative reciprocal total in all rounds (~~modified-adjusted~~ prelims + quarters + semis + finals)

iii. Lowest rank total in the final round only

iv. Highest reciprocal total in the final round only

v. Judges' preference* in final round only

vi. Lowest Opponent's Average Rank 9. Greatest number of 1s, then greatest number of 2s, all the way down to the worst rank in all rounds (~~modified-adjusted~~ prelims + quarters + semis + finals)

* – Judges' preference: If a student received the top rank among the tied students from a majority of the judges in the section containing the tie, that student will come out of the tie in first via judges' preference. If a three-or-more-way tie is broken in this fashion, a tie may still remain – if so, judges' preference will then be used on it, as well

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