



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: the current system fails to encourage adaptation and rewards schools that can game the pref system, prior to the tournament, rather than rewarding a well-rounded debater. Additionally, prefs ~~can~~ reduce the number of coaches/older debate judges at outrounds ^{panels} & create more chaos in finding judges in outrounds.

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

Additionally, prefs risk reducing the number of diverse judges in outrounds panels.

Page number of change: 114-115

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

Implementation Time Frame: 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.)

1) Eliminate the "Use of mutual preference system of judging" section (page 114-115) of the State Tournament Operations Manual

2) Add "Lincoln Douglas Debate" + "Policy Debate" in the "Strike system" section per events in strikes (page 115)