



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 fall semester of tournament competition encompasses 15 invitational weekends, whereas the spring semester offers only six weekend invitationals, plus TFA State. Choosing just 20 pieces of legislation for the spring docket will promote depth of preparation and lead to better debate

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: _____

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.)*

Page 14, Section i: Amend the 8th sentence to read, "The committee shall select the best 30 pieces of submitted legislation for the fall docket, and the best 20 pieces of submitted legislation through a blind review to create the calendar for all sessions. A docket of 30 items for fall and 20 for spring shall be established based on lowest cumulative ranking (with all items over 30 for fall mapped to a rank of 31, or over 20 for spring mapped to a rank of 21)

Page 68, #3b: No more than 2 pieces of legislation will be placed on the docket from any one school. The Congressional Debate Committee shall establish a docket of exactly 30 pieces of legislation for the fall semester and exactly 20 pieces for the spring semester of competition and post for use by all schools equally.

Page 68, #3c: In the event there are fewer than 30 items for the fall semester or 20 items for the spring semester submitted that meet the Committee's standard for debate, the Committee shall complete the docket with current topical legislation from other sources than the TFA membership.