

Texas Forensic Association Constitutional Amendment Form

The following must be provided before your proposal will be accepted by the Executive Committee.

Name: EC _____

School: _____

Region: _____

Email address: krfalco@episd.org _____

Rationale for Amendment: align with language from NSDA _____

Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:

Constitution

ByLaws

Code of Professional Standards

Standing Rules: Competition Event Guide (Interpretation Events Overview)

Standing Rules: IQT Operations Manual

Standing Rules: State Tournament Operations Manual

Page number of change: 76 _____

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.) Add Artistic Plagiarism statement as 3

Videos of previous NSDA final round performances and/or other video media are intended to provide educational examples for coaches and students. They are not intended to serve as a model to directly imitate or duplicate in performance. Although universal human emotions may lead to similarities in portrayal of characters, wholesale impersonation, including cutting, blocking, and/or interpretation (verbal and/or nonverbal portrayal of characters and text of material in performances available in video media is prohibited and grounds for penalty. Given the extent of the artistic plagiarism, the performance penalty may range from lowering the ranking in the round to disqualification. It is the burden of proof of the individual filing the protest to provide documented evidence of the artistic plagiarism demonstrated in the performance. This includes providing access to the plagiarized video material and written verification of examples to substantiate the complaint. _____