



# 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:** a) it is the method used by the NSDA and college debate because it equalizes the weight of speaker points b) instead of just using seed order to sort teams inside

a bracket, you add a team's seed to the average seed of their opponents. The reason you do this is that so that in later rounds of a tournament, a team who may have a good W/L record, but has benefited

from debating really bad teams early/had judges who award 30s all around s not overpowered in the seeding process which results in a more true high-low powermatch because those teams will have to debate teams who

have the same W/L but had to debate tougher teams to get there. It also means that every team with X record after a given number of prelims will have had to debate roughly equally strong competition to get there.

c) this also creates a much more fair standard for determining pull-ups than what is traditionally done (pull from top/bottom/middle d) this would not affect the method for seeding elim brackets) e) this is the tabroom default which means many

iqt tournaments have been using this method anyway for the past few years

**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:** 110

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

**Implementation Time Frame:** Immediate

**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 the phrase "high-low powermatching should be determined by using the seed+opp seed method which would take a  
team/individual's seed and add it to the average seed of their opponents from previous rounds to determine the order  
for high-low power matching."

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