



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: .

While the NSDA does have a NSDA Campus option that allows coaches to watch students, many virtual events may not utilize that option. Independent of a virtual world, students learn from watching their debates and redoing speeches etc. Recording also allows for the potential of enhanced safeguarding and security concerns as well. Ultimately, we should accommodate coaches being able to see their student in competition to give feedback to those students. Whether in person, or virtual, this allows (with approval of those involved) the ability to help our students grow by watching and/or listening to debate rounds.

Section of the Constitution where Change occurs:

Constitution

Bylaws

Code of Professional Standards

X Standing Rules: Competition Event Guide

Standing Rules: IQT Operations Manual

Standing Rules: State Tournament Operations Manual

Page number of change: 88 _____

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.)*

Current wording – Page 88: Videotaping of rounds will not be allowed. The use of audio recordings will only be used to ensure that students accurately represent the material they read during debates. Participants who are recorded may require the recording be deleted after the judge has rendered a decision and ethics charges were not raised during the debate.

New wording:

Digital recording by contestants and/or coaches of debate rounds will be allowed in the Texas Forensic Association Individual Qualifying Tournaments. Each student will be required to have an image/media release form signed by both parents and students that will be retained by each school's coach. Coaches and/or students will be limited to recording only rounds in which their schools are participating/competing. Those who record competitions may not utilize those images for monetary gain. Students may opt out of any individual recording of their image if they so choose.

