

## 2016 TPP Clean up

### 200.50 Topics

Current: (1) The topic for policy debate shall be the current national high school policy debate topic. The topic for Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate shall be the current National Forensic League topic.

Proposed: (1) The topic for policy debate shall be the current national high school policy debate topic. The topic for Public Forum and Lincoln-Douglas debate shall be the current National Speech and Debate Association topics.

Rationale: The NFL changes their names. PF and LD have different topics

### 240.10 Technology Use

Current (1)B. All evidence read must be available to both teams and the judge at the time of presentation. If a team cannot produce a copy of the evidence read in the round, that piece of evidence is forfeited and dropped from the round.

Proposed: B. All evidence read must be available in to both teams at the time of presentation and/or the judge and the conclusion of the round. If a team cannot or will not produce a copy of the evidence read in the round, the procedures and consequences for an evidence violation as outlined in 210.10 must be followed.

### 310.10

Current: (1) Organization and Responsibilities

- A. The Wisconsin State Debate Tournament will be run by a three-person committee consisting of a Tournament Director, who is the chair of the Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee, the Host, and the Operations Director, who is appointed by the Tournament Director with consultation from the Executive Board and the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association.

Proposed: Strike "and the Wisconsin High School Forensics Association"

### **330.20 and others**

(2)A. Current: On the night before the tournament begins, all coaches must telephone confirm their student entries and judges. Those who fail to comply will be charged a \$30 fine and may be given a loss as a penalty.

Proposed:

(2)A. During a time announced by the WSDT Director, all coaches must telephone or register in person to verify their entries, judges and preferences/strikes. Those who fail to comply may be given a loss in round 1 as a penalty.

This rule change is offered for all divisions.

### **Tie breakers**

330.30 Lincoln-Douglas Debate and 330.40 Public Forum Debate

Current: (2)D, iii. Tie-breakers for seeding used by the computer program should be used in the following order: wins, total points, high-low points, double high-low points, triple high-low points, opposition wins, a random variable.

Proposed: iii. Tie-breakers for seeding used by the computer program should be used in the following order: wins, total points, high-low points, double high-low points, opposition wins, and a random variable.

Rationale: a Triple H/L with 6 rounds is always a zero. This tiebreaker won't ever break a tie.