Wisconsin Debate Coaches Association

**Minutes**

May 4, 2019

Middleton High School

**Voting schools represented:** Middleton, La Crosse Central, Marquette, Appleton East, Janesville Parker, Rufus King, West Bend, Brookfield East, Fort Atkinson, Madison Memorial, Madison East, Brookfield Central, Madison West, Sheboygan North, Verona, High School of the Arts (John Tao—proxy), Reagan, Homestead, North Division (Stephanie King—proxy)

Faith Christian’s coach was present as well.

The meeting was called to order by President Kedrick Stumbris at 9:08 a.m.

**Treasurer**

Miloran Robinson has resigned from this position. Kedrick read her resignation letter to the membership. He reviewed the constitutional process for the appointment of an Acting Treasurer and said interested persons should see incoming President Ben Hamburger.

Kedrick indicated that the organization’s bank account has been closed and the funds seized by Chase Bank. Miloran is willing to work with the incoming Acting Treasurer to get the situation rectified.

Tim Scheffler asked why we do not have an election today. Kedrick explained that the letter was received only this morning. John Knetzger pointed out that Doris Sexton is with her husband and unavailable to be consulted about her willingness to serve as Treasurer.

Ben Sauer suggested suspending the rules to allow for an election within the next month. He explained that he felt the new Treasurer should be involved in the process as soon as possible.

Kedrick indicated that Miloran had said there had been about $3,000 in the account at last report.

John Tao offered to have the Milwaukee Debate League cover immediate costs (scholarships, trophies) to be reimbursed later. This was taken under advisement.

**President**

Kedrick announced the induction of Tim Scheffler to the Hall of Fame.

**President-Elect**

Ben announced that the Fall Meeting will occur on September 7, with a location to be announced.

**Election of Secretary**

John K. nominated Brian Devine, Brian accepted. There being no other nominations, **Brian Devine was elected by voice vote**.

**Election of President-Elect**

Matt Cekanor nominated Justin Flynn, and Justin accepted. Brittany Newman nominated Ben Sauer, and Ben accepted. There were no further nominations. Both nominees were invited to address the membership, and each did so.

**Ben Sauer was elected.**

**Secretary**

Brian moved the approval of the fall meeting minutes, and the motion was seconded. **The motion was passed by voice vote.** Brian then asked coaches to look at the latest updated proposed schedule for the fall, and it was discussed.

Ben Sauer questioned the process for the assignment of weekends for meets, saying that Reagan would like the December 21 date.

Anton Shircel indicated that he had requested a date for a meet and received no reply. John K. replied that Sheboygan North was welcome to take the No Frills date.

Miranda Ehrlich spoke to the UW-Madison date, saying that it was one of the few Madison-area meets.

Ben moved to suspend the rules to ignore the meet grandfather clause, and the motion was seconded. **The motion failed to achieve a two-thirds majority, on an 8-6 vote.**

Anton said Sheboygan North would take the No Frills date.

Tim asked about hosting a meet on the January 11 date. John K. responded that CFL is not a sanctioned tournament, so it would be fine. John K. also asked that we add a last-ditch meet alongside the NSDA qualifier on January 4.

Several alternatives were discussed for Reagan to get a meet on the schedule. It was decided Reagan could have December 21.

David Umstot moved to reconsider the suspension of the rules vote on the grandfather clause, and it was seconded. Discussion then ensued. David withdrew his motion.

John K. made a motion to officially approve the schedule as it currently stands, and the motion was seconded. **The motion passed on a voice vote.**

This is the calendar as adopted:

**2019-2020 WDCA Tentative Calendar**

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| **September** |
| 7 | Fall Meeting |  |
| 14 | Marquette University HS  | Milwaukee, WI |
| 21 | UW-MadisonNorth Division | Madison, WIMilwaukee, WI |
| 28 | Rufus King  | Milwaukee, WI |
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| **October** |
| 5 | Brookfield East HS | Brookfield, WI |
| 12 | Fort Atkinson | Fort Atkinson, WI |
| 19 | Neenah | Neenah, WI |
| 26 | Open MDL | Milwaukee, WI |
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| **November** |
| 2 | West Bend | West Bend, WI |
| 8-9 | Homestead HS | Mequon, WI |
| 15-16 | Badgerland | Middleton, WI |
| 23 | Sheboygan North | Sheboygan, WI |
| 30 | Thanksgiving Weekend |  |
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| **December** |
| 6-7 | Hoecherl Challenge @ Appleton East | Appleton, WI |
| 14 | Brookfield Central | Brookfield, WI |
| 21 | Ronald Reagan HS | Milwaukee, WI |
| 28 | No tournament |  |
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| **January** |
| 4 | NSDA QUALS @Last Ditch @  |  |
| 11 | Milwaukee CFL Quals @Madison PS Tournament | Madison, WI |
| 18/19 | WSDT @ |  |

**Novice Packet**

Miranda recommended that we codify the current practice regarding the requirements for novice packet use. It will be discussed at the fall meeting.

**Media/Communication**

David reported that the new web site is up and running. John K. suggested that anyone who knows who the scholarship winners for the 2013-14 year should make that information known so those should be added to the historical information on the site.

**TPP**

John K. reported that there were two instances of evidence violations in novice policy: teams flashing entire files. Both were found to indeed be violations.

John K. suggested we may want to allow preferencing for public forum, so this will be discussed at the fall meeting. Stephanie King said she could bring a template for something for PF judges to fill out in lieu of a “paradigm.”

He also mentioned that tab staff had to lay out cards manually because of a Tabroom issue, but that a solution to this is being proposed.

**Judging Standards and Ethics**

Stephanie reported that the judge training and quizzing procedure is working out and that there will be an effort to support further use of these materials next year.

She also reminded coaches of the importance of being sensitive to particular problems with students, such as anxiety, speech problems, or possible past abuse.

Ben Sauer added that another important consideration is that some students do not have English as their first language.

John K. encouraged coaches encountering these problems to talk to the coaches who hired the judges involved so there could be follow up. Stephanie said she would also be glad to talk to any judges who may need education or clarification about these matters.

A five minute recess was called.

New President Ben Hamburger assumed the chair.

**New Business**

Stephanie reminded us that Milwaukee is hosting the National Catholic Forensics League Grand National Tournament. They are in need of more judges. There is a Google form that can be filled out for this.

A constitutional proposal was put forward by Stephanie and John K. to be voted on at the fall meeting. Stephanie explained the rationale behind the proposed changes. These reasons were also laid out in the handout given to all coaches.

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|  | Current | Proposed Change | Rationale |
| Article II | Membership in this organization shall consist of these types: school membership, individualmembership, associate membership, and honorary membership. | Membership in this organization shall consist of these types: school membership, individual membership, and associate membership. | I do not believe we have honorary memberships, I cannot remember this ever being executed. |
| Article II, IV | All members, except honorary members, shall receive membership standing upon payment of annual dues. All members shall be entitled to attend WDCA functions and receive all materials and mailings of the Association. | All members shall receive membership standing upon payment of annual dues. All members shall be entitled to attend WDCA functions and receive all materials and mailings of the Association.Failure to pay required dues and fees will result in loss of membership. |
| Article V | There shall be no dues for honorary members. | Remove |
| Article II, IV | Failure to pay required dues and fees for three consecutive years will result in loss of membership. | Failure to pay required dues and fees will result in loss of membership. | I believe we consider membership lost immediately. |
| Article III | This organization shall have the following officers: President, President-elect, Past- President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and those five officers shall comprise the Executive Board. | This organization shall have the following officers: President, President-elect, Judging Standards and Ethics Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer, and those five officers shall comprise the Executive Board. | The Past President does not have any official role and it is very difficult for people to commit for three years to a position. In addition, Judging Standards and Ethics chair is someone that has to handle challenges throughout the season in a fair manner.Thus, this person should be someone that the membership trusts, not someone appointed at the leisure of the president. |
| ArticleIII, I | After completing the term of office, thePresident shall become the Past-President. | Remove |
| Article III, III | Section is labeled Past PresidentThe Past President shall serve in a capacity to be determined by the President. | Section is labeled Judging Standards and Ethics ChairThe Judging Standards and Ethics Chair shall appoint two additional members to the Judging Standards and Ethics committee and oversee the committee in completion of their duties outlined in Article VI. The Judging Standards and Ethics Chair is also an automatic member of the TournamentPractices and Procedures committee. |
| Article III, VI | The term of office for the President, President- elect, and Past-President shall be one year, beginning after the election. | The term of office for the President, President- elect, and Judging Standards and Ethics Chair shall be one year, beginning after the election. |
| Article VI, IV | The Judging Standards and Ethics Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and two members appointed by the chairperson. | The Judging Standards and Ethics Committee shall consist of a chairperson, an elected position, andtwo members appointed by the chairperson |

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| Article III, I | The President shall preside at all general and special meetings and shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee. The President shall have the authority to appoint committee chairs and shall become an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall chair the awards and nominations committee. | The President shall preside at all general and special meetings and shall be the chairperson of the Executive Committee. The President shall have the authority to appoint committee chairs and shall become an ex-officio member of all committees.The President shall notify membership of all meetings at least three weeks prior to the meeting, process rules changes or proposals for presentation at meetings, create meeting agenda, and bring copies of agenda to meetings. At the WSDT, the President shall communicate with that season’stournament hosts regarding the following year’s calendar and will set the tentative calendar. The President shall solicit and receive scholarship, Hall of Fame, and Coach of the Year nominations. | This outlines more specifically what the President should do. It also removes some redundancy of having the Awards committee separate. |
| Article III, II | The President-elect shall assume the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President. The President-elect shall assist the President in his/her duties. The President-elect is the chairperson of the Fall Workshop Committee. The president President-elect shall organize the spring and fall general meetings.After completing the term of office, the President-elect shall become the President. | The President-elect shall assume the duties of the President in case of the absence of the President. The President-elect shall assist the President in his/her duties. The President-elect shall organize the spring and fall general meetings, including any required food items for the meetings and coordinating building permits/space reservations with host sites. The President-elect will organize the executive committee meetings in the spring, summer, and fall which includes any required restaurant reservations and/or lodging accommodations and communicating the reservations or accommodations to the executive committee. After completing the term of office,the President-elect shall become the President. | This outlines more specifically what the President-Elect should do.Removes reference to the Fall Workshop, which hasn’t occurred or been talked about in years. |
| Article III, IV | The Secretary is the chair of the history committee. | The Secretary shall keep a history of the WDCA and make the history available to members. | Removes redundant reference to the history committee. |
| Article III, V | The Treasurer shall handle financial matters, including dues paid and current membership. The Treasurer shall provide a list of non-paying | The Treasurer shall handle financial matters, including dues paid and current membership. The Treasurer shall provide a list of non-payingmembers three weeks prior to regular meetings and | This adds a timeline to some of the financial matters related to state. |

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|  | members three weeks prior to regular meetings and WSDT. | the WSDT. The Treasurer shall deposit WSDT registration fees collected, compensate the WSDT Director, and pay any other WDCA expenses within three weeks of receiving any fees orinvoices. |  |
| Article III, V | The Treasurer shall be responsible for the procurement, and disbursement of the official Association Ballot. | *Unsure at this point* | Would like discussion on this – I’m not sure if this is just the elections that occur at meetings.If it is, typically the President and/or Secretary do this so it should be moved if that’s thecase. |
| Article IV, III | The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of three times annually: before the fall meeting, before the spring meeting, and prior to August 15 to set the novice limited topics to be provided to the membership prior to September 1. | The Executive Committee shall meet a minimum of three times annually: before the fall meeting, before the spring meeting, and prior to August 15 to finalize novice policy argument limitations. The Executive Board shall determine the dates of all meetings. | Changed wording of novice limitations bc we’ve had years where the standing rules are changed but the constitution wasn’t (so trying to make it more of a catch-all).Removed deadline for novice packet (which will be moved to the novice packet committeesection). |
| Article IV, V | Succession and ResignationThe Executive Board shall determine the dates of all meetings and direct the Secretary to notify all members of said meetings, three weeks prior to the meetings | Remove | Title of section doesn’t match content.The first part has been moved to the “Executive Committee Meetings” section (referenced above) and the notification of meetings is added to the duties of the President (referencedabove) so section isn’t needed. |
| Article VI | The WDCA shall have the following standing committees: Executive, Awards and Nominations, History, Judging Standards and Ethics, Media Communications, NewCoaches/Novice Packet/Middle School, and | The WDCA shall have the following standing committees: Executive, Judging Standards and Ethics, Media Communications, New Coaches/Novice Packet/Middle School, andTournament Practices and Procedures/Handbook. | The History committee references can be removed because it is encompassed in the Secretary duties. |

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|  | Tournament Practices and Procedures/Handbook. |  | The Awards and Nominations Committee is proposed to become the Executive Board’s responsibility for consistency in selection process and having an outline instead of the President having to scrounge up people each year. |
| Article VI, I | The Executive Board will also choose the site for WSDT each year. | The Executive Board will also choose the site for WSDT each year and determine scholarship winners, Hall of Fame inductees, and Coach of the Year recipients through the process outlined in theStanding Rules. |
| Article VI, II& Article VI, III | Awards and NominationsThe Awards and Nominations Committee shall be chaired by the President and consistent of at least two other WDCA members. The committee shall determine scholarship winners, Hall of Fame inductees, and Coach of the Year recipients through the process outlined in the Standing Rules.HistoryThe History Committee shall be chaired by the Secretary, with members appointed by the chair.The committee shall keep a history of the WDCA, make available the history to members. | Remove – becomes redundant because these sections are added into the duties of the positions. |
| Article VI, IV | The committee shall administer the Ethics Grievance Procedure as outlined in the StandingRules. | Recommend removal if edits to the standing rules are approved. | Would conflict with the standing rules if those edits are passed. |
| Article VI, V | The committee shall publicize debate and the WDCA to the general public and may publish a newsletter for the association. The committee shall issue press releases and notify school administrators of significant team or coach accomplishments such as Wisconsin State Debate Tournament 1st-3rd place winners, officer elections, Hall of Fame winners, scholarship winners, and the Coach of the Year winner. the Media Communications Committee will oversee the WDCA website and social media. | The Media Communications Committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and other members appointed by the chair, including the webmaster. The committee shall publicize debate and the WDCA to the general public. The committee shall issue press releases and notify school administrators of significant team or coach accomplishments such as Wisconsin State Debate Tournament 1st-3rd place winners, officer elections, Hall of Fame winners, scholarship winners, and the Coach of the Year winner. The Media Communications Committee will oversee the WDCA website and social media.This includes website updates, monitoring required | Removes reference to a newsletter that likely won’t ever occur, capitalizes “The” in one sentence, adds more detail to what is expected of that position. |

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|  |  | renewal fees for website and email list service, communicating fees to the Treasurer, updating annual calendar to include links to tournament registration sites, and posting meeting minutes andstate results packets. |  |
| Article VI, VI | The committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and at least two members appointed by the chairperson. The committee shall provide service and programs to encourage and support new coaches, research and produce the Novice Packet for use in novice policy debates, and provide support to middle school programs and coaches. | The committee shall consist of a chairperson, appointed by the President, and at least two members appointed by the chairperson. The committee shall provide service and programs to encourage and support new coaches, research and produce the Novice Packet for use in novice policy debates, and provide support to middle school programs and coaches. The Novice policy argument limitation materials shall be released inits entirety no later than September 1st. | Move sentence related to novice evidence release date to the novice packet. |
| Article VI, VII | The committee also consists of an Operations Director and another member appointed by the chair. A fourth member of the committee might be the Tournament Host, as selected by the Executive Board. | The committee also consists of the Judging Standards and Ethics chair and the Tournament Host, as selected by the Executive committee. | Removes references to the Operations Director, which is no longer needed and would conflict with proposed edits to the standing rules (if those edits pass). |
| Article VII, II | The President shall publish all submitted proposals on the WDCA Website, via email, and by another appropriate means. | The President shall publish all submitted proposals via at least two different appropriate means which could include but are not limited to the WDCA Website or via email. | There may be times that submission on the website is not possible or that posting in facebook (for example) is more timely than being locked into posting three different ways thatinclude the website. |
| Article IX, III, A4 | Overt acts of sexual harassment | Would like discussion on if it really needs to specify “overt” sexual harassment vs. making it clear that any sexual harassment is unacceptable byremoving the word “Overt” |  |

Ben Sauer suggested making the other two members of the Judging Standards Ethics Committee should also be elected. Tim pointed out that it is hard to get people to run for elections. In addition, it might be hard to assure that a representative of each style of debate would run. Ben Sauer then suggested that perhaps the President and TPP Chair should be the other two members of the committee. Stephanie had no objection to this.

Tim suggested modifying the dues/loss of membership portion to be clearer or to be moved down to the standing rules.

Additional clarification was discussed. There was particularly focused discussion on the sexual harassment issue, with a general agreement this issue needed to receive attention.

John K. moved for the creation of an ad hoc committee to formulate an approach to this issue. Ben put out a general call for people interested in serving on such a committee. He asked that until that committee is able to bring this matter back to the organization, that we hold off on making the constitutional change. Stephanie was agreeable to this.

Miranda suggested having the committee look into NSDA policy, legal recommendations, and a possible code of conduct. Matt advised that coaches’ conduct also be considered as well.

We then moved on to consideration of the standing rule change proposals.

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|  | Current | Proposed Change | Rationale |
|  |  | Allow Secretary to add page numbers, make the font and font size consistent across document,do spell/grammar check, and adjust any lettering or numbering as required with edits. | Make the document look more organized and clean. |
| 100.203 | The WDCA requests that dues for the following year be paid by the spring business meeting of the preceding year. | Remove | This does not happen,there’s not even an option to pay it or fill out the form until the fall. |
| 200.101A | A school may keep their “traditional” weekend. | A school may keep their “traditional” weekend if the school’s Tournament Director completedthe required steps outlined in 200.30. | We typically require tournament directors to post their tournament results for state legs by a certain date but don’t have anything to enforce this in the rules. |
| 200.30,2 | Completing this step is required to retain sanctioned status for the following year | Completing this step is required to retain sanctioned status for the following year and to keep the “traditional weekend” as outlined in 200.10. |
| 200.101B | Schools should get contracts for their building(s) by April 15. | Schools should get contracts for their building(s) by September 1st.ORSchools should get preliminary approval for their building(s) by April 15th and get contracts no later than September 1st. | Unrealistic for some districts to have building permits secured by the 15th of April. |
| 200.101D | “First come-first served” shall be the policy for filling open dates in the sched | “First come-first served” shall be the policy for filling open dates in the schedule after the President has announced it to the membership. | Completes the word “schedule”. Also clearly outlines that it is the affirmative duty of the President to announce that coaches should express interest instead of presuming coaches will just inherently know they should saysomething. Aligns with the edits to the constitution. |
| 200.20 | These debaters may not, however, earn a qualifying leg to the WSDT when debating | If a maverick earns a winning record this is a qualifying leg to the WSDT. However, | Allows more students opportunities to qualify even if their partner falls ill or |

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|  | alone and may not debate maverick during the WSDT | mavericks are not permitted to compete at the WSDT | something happens last minute. |
| 200.51,1 | Plan texts in the novice division are restricted to those in the official packet. Until a date determined by the Executive Committee, the counterplan may not be run. Negative teams may use only one counterplan in a round, even when multiple counterplans are contained in the novice packet. The penalty for reading two counterplans is a loss per (2) below | Plan texts in the novice division are restricted to those in the official packet. Until a date determined by the Executive Committee, the counterplan and kritik may not be run. Negative teams may use only one counterplan and kritik in a round, even when multiple counterplans or kritiks are contained in the novice packet. The penalty for reading two counterplans or two kritiks in the same debate round is a loss per (2)below. | Without a JV division, policy debate loses many students when they go to varsity because they have such limited exposure to kritik and that area of argumentation.Specifies Novice Policy as well in 220.10 1M |
| 200.51,2 | The use of kritiks is not permitted. In the event that a negative counterplantext is presented from outside the novice packet, the judge should not consider that argument in their decision, regardless of whether the issue is raised in the debate. If the affirmative team presents a plan that is not found in the novice evidence packet, or if the negative team presents a kritik, they should receive a loss. It is not required for the opposing team to make this claim to the judge. Judges must know what the approved texts are and should give a loss and notify the tabroom of any infraction. | In the event that a negative counterplan text or kritik is presented from outside the novice packet, the judge should not consider that argument in their decision, regardless of whether the issue is raised in the debate. If the affirmative team presents a plan that is not found in the novice evidence packet they should receive a loss. It is not required for the opposing team to make this claim to the judge. Judges must notify the WSDT Tournament Director who will enter the appropriate result into the computer system. The WSDT Tournament Director or Novice Packet committee chair willnotify all involved coaches. |
| 220.10,1M | Novice limited topics and a no kritik rule are in effect for all WDCA sanctioned ….. | Novice policy debate has specific plan texts, counterplan texts, and kritik alternatives that cannot be altered at any WDCA sanctioned…. |
| 200.51,3 | Tournament directors should enforce these novice evidence packet restrictions. | Tournament directors at sanctioned tournamentsshould enforce these novice evidence packet restrictions. | Specifies that it applies to sanctioned tournaments only |
| 200.60,1 | Tournament directors not receiving payment of entry fees in due time should write the principal of the nonpaying school requesting payment. If this yields no response, then they should write the superintendent of the school district. | Tournament directors not receiving payment of entry fees or proof of postmarked entry fees within two months of the conclusion of the tournament should write the principal of the nonpaying school requesting payment. If this | Operationally defines what “in due time” means. Also includes proof of postmark as things can get lost or delayed by holiday breaks or weather. |

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|  |  | yields no response, then they should write the superintendent of the school district. |  |
| 200.60,2 | If tournament fees have not been paid by the date of the WSDT in that academic year for tournament held through December, the host school will have the option of reporting the delinquent payment to the WDCA Executive Committee. This could result in the delinquent school being ineligible for that year’s WSDT. | If tournament fees have not been paid after completing the above steps, the host school will have the option of reporting the delinquent payment to the WDCA Executive Committee. This could result in the delinquent school being ineligible for that year’s WSDT. | Some tournament occur in late December or the first weekend in January, expecting dues to be paid by that year’s WSDT is unrealistic for some school district’s processes (esp with winter break mixed in). |
| 210.10 | E. Original Source Defined | Move to be #1’s E. | Moves it from a type of violation to definition ofevidence, which is where it fits better. |
| 210.10,2 |  | Add inf. When a team is debating paperless, the team must provide only the pieces of evidence that the debater reasonably plans to read in the speech (not entire files). This evidence should be provided in the order the debater intends toread it | Moves it from the paperless guidelines to the evidence violations. |
| 210.10,3 |  | Add inb. If a nonexistent evidence violation occurs due to a paperless team providing an excessive amount of evidence in Novice Policy debate while the argument limitations are in effect, the judge will provide feedback to the students in violation of the evidence sharing requirements and notify the Tournament Director immediately. The judge will then continue the round. The Tournament Director shall talk to both coaches to provide education and training as needed, and an explanation that a secondviolation at the same tournament by the same entry will result in a loss. | Many times in novice policy debate, students are still very new to debate and may be in their first tournament ever.While the evidence restrictions are in place,there really isn’t an abuse situation if flashing doesn’t occur properly. This allows there to be an educational step to retain students & new coaches before being punitive. |
| 210.10,4A a | Novice judges that those making a formal allegation understand the possible results of doing so. | Judges should ensure that those making a formal allegation understand the possible results of doing so. | Removes specification to novice judges and corrects a |

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|  |  |  | grammar issue with the sentence. |
| 210.104A e | After rendering a decision on the ballot, the judge must inform both teams of the decision as well as the WSDT Director. | After rendering a decision, the judge must inform both teams of the decision as well as the WSDT Tournament Director. The WSDT Tournament Director will enter the appropriate result into the computer system; the judge should not enter a result on the ballot. The coaches of both teams will be notified of the decision before the start of the next round. | Aligns with what we do and a world of online balloting. Current rule says nothing about coaches being notified. |
| 210.105C | Upon notification of a violation from the WSDTDirector, coaches have 10 minutes to submit an appeal in writing | Upon notification of a violation from the WSDTTournament Director, coaches have 10 minutes to submit an appeal in writing. | Consistent language to referto the WSDT Tournament Director |
| 210.105D | An appeals committee comprised of the WDCA President, Past President, and PresidentElect….. | An appeals committee comprised of the WDCA President, Judging Standards and Ethics Chair, and President Elect…. | Per constitutional proposal, past president would no longer exist. |
| 210.10,5H | If any member of the appeals committee has a conflict of interest (coach of one of the teams, hiring coach of the judge, etc.), members of the Executive Committee will be substituted in this order: Secretary, Treasurer, New Coaches Committee Chair, Novice Packet Committee Chair, Media and Communications CommitteeChair, WSDT Operations Director. | If any member of the appeals committee has a conflict of interest (coach of one of the teams, hiring coach of the judge, etc.), members of the Executive Committee will be substituted in this order: Secretary, Treasurer, New Coaches Committee Chair, Media and Communications Committee Chair, WSDT Tournament Director. | Removes committees that will no longer exist if the Constitutional proposals pass in the fall. |
| 220.10,1A | Any judge who finds him/herself in a conflict of interest including, but not limited to, judging a student from a school with which the judge is affiliated, shall notify the tournament director immediately. | Any judge who finds him/herself in a conflict of interest including, but not limited to, judging a student from a school with which the judge is affiliated, shall notify the tournament director immediately. A judge would be conflicted if they personally know or coach a student or for the school in the round. An alumnus of a school is considered affiliated unless they have been out of high school for four or more years without coaching or knowing any students on the team. Whenever possible, these conflicts should be expressed prior to the registrationperiod ending. | Operationally defines what a conflicted judge is. |

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| 220.10,1 |  | Insert this after C (so becomes the new D)The judge shall not provide assistance to competitors of the round except for time signals. | This was in the adjudicator guidelines from awhile ago and was not in the standing rules.\*Will require re-lettering of this section\* |
| 220.10,1D | The review of evidence by a judge is not allowed unless there is a dispute by the opposition regarding the meaning, context, or validity of the evidence, or suspicion by the judge of falsification | The review of evidence by a judge is not allowed unless there is a dispute by the opposition regarding the meaning, context, or validity of the evidence, or suspicion by the judge of falsification. If a judge chooses to be on the email chain, the document should not be examined until the evidence has been disputed, there is a falsification concern or there is aconcern clipping is occurring. | Adds in language previously discussed about judges on email chains. |
| 220.10,1E | A judge is expected to adapt expectations and award speaker points appropriate to the level of debate being judged. A judge should not give speaker points lower than 20 in policy debate and below the respective minimums for Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum. | A judge is expected to adapt expectations and award speaker points appropriate to the level of debate being judged. A judge should not give speaker points lower than 20. | Removes the phrasing that LD and PF would have different minimums. |
| 220.10,1I | In preliminary rounds, observers are allowed unless one of the teams objects. A coach of one of the teams may always observe. Active participants cannot observe a round in their division. Once a school has no active teams in the division, its students are always allowed towatch any elimination rounds. | Judges who are still obligated to potentially judge in any division are not permitted to observe any rounds. This includes coaches observing their own students if that coach is actively in the judge pool at the WSDT. | Existing language will be moved to a different section that is specific to students, not judges. Adding in this language to be clear about expectations of those in thejudge pool. |
|  |  | Move the following from the Ethics and |  |
|  | Grievance Procedure to the Adjudicator |  |
| 220.10& 230.101 | Guidelines.Judges who are in violation of the AdjudicatorGuidelines may be removed from the judge pool by the tournament director. Judges who are | Makes more sense in the Adjudicator Guidelines section |
|  | removed from the tournament are responsible |  |
|  | for compensating the tournament for judging |  |

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|  |  | fees, providing a replacement judge, or removal of an appropriate number of their teams. |  |
| 230.10,1 | The concerned parties shall discuss the problem fully and settle the issue with the aid of the Tournament Director, if necessary. | The concerned parties shall discuss the problem fully and settle the issue with the aid of the WSDT Tournament Director, if necessary, regarding issues not addressed within the Evidence Standards section. | This section originally handled evidence violations. We don’t need that anymore so this section is really for other conflicts or situations. |
| 230.10,2 | If the issue cannot be settled in accordance with the above, then the concerned parties and the Tournament Director shall file written statements with the committee. The committee shall judge the issue, contact the concerned parties, and mediate a settlement. The committee shall then draft written documentation of the mediated settlement and issue copies to the concerned parties involvedand the WDCA Executive Committee. | If the issue cannot be settled in accordance with the above, then the concerned parties and the WSDT Tournament Director shall file written statements with the Executive committee. The committee shall evaluate the issue, contact the concerned parties, and mediate a settlement. The committee shall then draft written documentation of the mediated settlement and issue copies to the concerned parties involvedand the WDCA Executive Committee. | Specifies the WSDT Tournament director, executive committee, and changes the word “judge” to “evaluate” since this section functions differently now. |
| 230.10,3 | If a satisfactory settlement still cannot be reached, then the chair shall inform the principals of the parties involved of the issue and call a hearing before the combined Judging Standards and Ethics Committee and the WDCA Executive Committee. The joint committee shall make a final determination on the issue and send written notification to the principals, coaches, and judges involved as wellas all other WDCA member coaches | If a satisfactory settlement still cannot be reached, then the WDCA President shall inform the principals of the parties involved of the issue via a written summary of the situation and issue a statement of expected conduct from all involved parties moving forward. | Specifies that the president would issue the statement, removes calling a hearing and removes notifying the entire membership. |
| 240.10,1A | Once the debate has begun, a team may not receive assistance, suggestions, or coaching from anyone while the round is in progress. This does not prevent debate partners from helping one another, but does prevent outside persons from helping a team during the course of a debate. Debaters may not receive electronic assistance from outside sources or perform electronic research during the course of a debate. If the judge is able to determine that aviolations has occurred, the judge should | Once the debate has begun, a team may not receive assistance, suggestions, or coaching from anyone while the round is in progress. This does not prevent debate partners from helping one another, but does prevent outside persons from helping a team during the course of a debate. Debaters may not receive electronic assistance from outside sources or perform electronic research during the course of a debate. If the judge is able to determine that aviolation has occurred, the judge should notify | Corrects a grammar item, removes note that the judge completes the ballot immediately, gets the rule in line with what we typically do with these situations. Sets specific people to handle the situation so that decisions are consistent across the tournament. |

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|  | complete the ballot immediately and notify the tournament director. Following notification, the Tournament Director will convene a committee of not fewer than three other coaches. This committee will then determine whether or not the team using the digital communication technology shall follow the ballot decision or be disqualified from the tournament. | the tournament director. Following notification, the WSDT Tournament Director will convene with the WDCA President and Judging Standards and Ethics Chair. This committee will then determine whether or not the team using the digital communication technology shall receive a warning, lose the round or be disqualified from the tournament. A second violation results in immediate disqualification. After rendering a decision, both coaches of the teams involved and the judge will be notified of the decision. |  |
| 240.10,1A a |  | Add in:a. If any members have a conflict of interest (coach of one of the teams, hiring coach of judge, etc) members of the Executive Committee will be substituted in this order: President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, New Coaches Committee Chair, Media andCommunications Chair | Outlines how to replace conflicted people. |
| 240.10,1A b |  | Add in:b. Student may access the internet and research their opponent’s evidence if the student is preparing to make an evidence violation allegation. | Explicitly states that students may access the internet in preparation for an evidence violation allegation. |
| 240.20,2 & 6 | (2) In policy debate, if all planned pieces of evidence are not provided before the speech, then the time to facilitate this transfer after the speech will be deducted from the speakingteam’s prep time. The additional evidence must be provided immediately after the conclusion of the speech.(6) In policy debate, time to provide speeches is a part of the prep time allotted to each time. The | (2) Time to provide speeches is a part of the prep time allotted to each time. The WDCA does not recognize “off time prep” as a valid, appropriate, acceptable, or actual practice. Prep time ends when the evidence is given to the other team. If all planned pieces of evidence are not provided before the speech, then the time to facilitate this transfer after the speech will be deducted from the speaking team’s prep time. | Combines the two points since they are related.Removes specification to policy debate. |

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|  | WDCA does not recognize “off time prep” as a valid, appropriate, acceptable, or actual practice. Prep time ends when the evidence is given tothe other team. | The additional evidence must be provided immediately after the conclusion of the speech. |  |
| 240.20,3 | Only pieces of evidence that the debater reasonably plans to read in the speech should be provided (not entire aff or neg files). This evidence should be provided in the order the debater intends to read it. Egregious violations of this rule may be grounds for the judge to decrease the weight given to that team’s arguments. It is also grounds for the opposing team to make a formal allegation of nonexistent evidence. Failure to share read evidence is also grounds for a formal allegation of nonexistentevidence | Only pieces of evidence that the debater reasonably plans to read in the speech should be provided (not entire aff or neg files). This evidence should be provided in the order the debater intends to read it. Egregious violations of this rule may be grounds for the judge to decrease the weight given to that team’s arguments. It is also grounds for the opposing team to make a formal allegation of nonexistent evidence. Failure to share read evidence is also grounds for a formal allegation of nonexistentevidence. | Removes option for judge to choose to “decrease theweight given to the teams’ argument” |
| 240.20,4 | Evidence flashed to the opposing team must contain full citations, including if applicable: author name, author qualifications, date of publication, title of publication, title of article, page number and URL. Any evidence that does not conform to this expectation is subject to a claim of falsification as outlined in the standingrules. | Remove this | Contradicts the very next point in the guideline. |
| 240.20,5 | It is not required that paperless teams share the text of their case with the other team.However, any evidence utilized, whether by quotation or parenthetical reference must have proper citations available. It is strongly suggested that each narrative case includes aworks cited page. | Change “their case” to “their plan” | Be specific to not having to flash over plan texts. |
| 240.20,7 | At the end of the debate, debaters may not save anything jumped to them by their opponents without explicit permission. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification from the tournament upon an allegation made to the WSDT Director by the coach of either team | Remove | In the world of email chains, this may become a set up for teams to get each other DQ’ed because someone forgot to delete an email from their inbox and sentfolder. |

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| 240.20,8 & 9 | 1. If the viewing computer malfunctions in some way, both teams have the responsibility of using reasonable steps to rectify the situation without prep time being utilized. If necessary, the paperless team must supply a different viewing computer.
2. If a paperless debater has a technical failure during their speech, the debater may request the speech be paused and prep time be used to rectify the situation. The speech time will resume from the paused time when the speech

resumes. | Any computer, including viewing computer, malfunction and any technical failure shall immediately cause speech or prep time to stop. If the malfunction or failure is not resolved within five minutes, then the affected team may decide whether to (1) continue to attempt to resolve said issue while using speech or prep time; (2) resume the round without the use of such malfunctioning device (in the event of a malfunctioning viewing computer, a replacement viewing computer would satisfy this requirement); or (3) forfeit the round. | Sets a time limit and provides options for solutions for people to follow. |
| 240.2010 &11 | 1. When evidence is requested by the opposing team, the full article and/or complete URL must be made immediately available per rule 210.0
2. A violation of these rules follows the procedures laid out in the evidence guidelines.
 | Remove | Redundant of Evidence guidelines and previous item in the paperless guidelines that citations must be available |
| 300.20,2 | Teams may use local league or conference competitions to satisfy one qualification leg, provided teams satisfy the remaining qualification requirements. Local league or conference competitions must submit their results to the Tournament Director, in order for schools to claim a leg from these competitions. | Teams may use local league or conference competitions to satisfy one qualification leg, provided teams satisfy the remaining qualification requirements. Local league or conference competitions must submit their results to the WSDT Tournament Director, in order for schools to claim a leg from these competitions. A local league or conference competition must have at least three schools invited to compete and hold at least three roundsof competition with a minimum of two entries in the division. | Specifies WSDT tournament director and operationally defines a local leg tournament. |
| 300.21,1 & 2 | 1. The Tournament Director shall post registration information and forms on the Web site by December 1.
2. In order for a school to compete, all appropriate forms and tournament entry fees or
 | 1. The WSDT Tournament Director shall post registration information and forms on the Web site by December 1.
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|  | a school voucher must be submitted by the date established by the Tournament Director. | a school voucher must be submitted by the date established by the WSDT Tournament Director. |  |
| 300.22,4 |  | Add in language originally in the adjudicator guidelines:(4) In preliminary rounds, observers are allowed unless one of the teams’ competing objects. A coach of one of the teams competing may always observe. Active participants cannot observe a round in their division. Once a school has no active teams in the division, its students are always allowed to watch any eliminationrounds. | Makes more sense in this section |
| 300.23,8 | Head and assistant coaches must be certified. | Remove | If a coach is not in the judging pool, they do not need to be certified. |
| 310.101A & B | 1. 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.
2. The Tournament Director may name members of the Executive Committee, members of the Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee, or former WDCA/WHSFA coaches to assist in running the state tournament.
 | 1. The Wisconsin State Debate Tournament will be run by a three-person committee consisting of a WSDT Tournament Director, who is the chair of the Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee, the Host, and the Judging Standards and Ethics Committee Chair.
2. The WSDT Tournament Director may name members of the Executive Committee, members of the Tournament Practices and Procedures Committee, or former WDCA/WHSFA coaches to assist in running the state tournament.
 | Specifies WSDT in A and B, removes operations director and replaces with Judging standards and ethics chair |
| 310.102A & B | A. The responsibilities of the Tournament Director shall include: recording and verifying all qualifiers and entrants; coordinating and distributing all tournament information, including judge preference statements; making tab room assignments; covering tab room workers’ judging assignments; coordinating andconducting the awards ceremony; publishing results; obtaining and organizing a qualified and | Retitle to be WSDT Tournament DirectorA. The responsibilities of the WSDT Tournament Director shall include: recording and verifying all qualifiers and entrants; coordinating and distributing all tournament information, including judge preference statements; making tab room assignments;covering tab room workers’ judging | Specifies WSDT, clarifies duties and moves some of the responsibilities from the operations director to the Tournament Director to align with what we do.Increases compensation to reflect what we do. |

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|  | adequate judge pool for preliminary and elimination rounds; screening judge qualifications (experience, years out, number of rounds, etc) and making adjustments to individual assignments where necessary;B. The Tournament Director shall receive compensation no less than three hundred and fifity dollars upon completion of the State Tournament | assignments; coordinating and conducting the awards ceremony; publishing results; organizing the registered judges for preliminary and elimination rounds; screening judge qualifications (experience, years out, number of rounds, etc) and making adjustments to individual assignments where necessary; ordering awards; maintaining a round-by-round paper trail and back up of pairings and results; creating tournament site on the appropriate software utilizing settings outlined by the WDCA.B. The WSDT Tournament Director shall receive compensation no less than five hundred and ninety-nine dollars upon completion of the State Tournament. |  |
| 310.103A | The responsibilities of the Tournament Host include providing: the site, shuttles, food service, hospitality for coaches and judges at all sites (near the tab room), tab room, computer room, results consolidation room (stuffing envelopes), duplication services, computer set up, room availability with clear labeling, medical service, registration area, a list of local hotels and tournament rates, a list of qualified judges from the local area, and hallmonitors/runners. | The responsibilities of the Tournament Host include providing: the site, food service, hospitality for coaches and judges at all sites (near the tab room), tab room, computer room, results consolidation room (stuffing envelopes), duplication services, computer set up, room availability with clear labeling, registration area, and a list of local hotels and tournament rates. | Aligns with what happens closer. |
| 310.104 | (4) Operations DirectorA. The responsibilities of the Operations Director include ordering awards, running the computer operations (securing a program to schedule rounds and judges), coordinating and centralizing all postings; maintaining a round- by-round paper trail and back up of pairings and results; etc | Remove | No longer needed. |

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| 310.201-4 | 1. The Tournament Director shall operate an efficient tab room.
2. The Executive Committee will serve in the tab room in a capacity determined by the Tournament Director, as well as others chosen by the Tournament Director with the consent of the President.
3. The Executive Committee shall determine whether or not the tab room will be closed to all individuals not associated in running the tournament.
4. Coaches will not be able to request changes in the teams or judges assigned to the rounds involving their students.
 | 1. The WSDT Tournament Director shall operate an efficient tab room.
2. The Executive Committee may serve in the tab room in a capacity determined by the WSDT Tournament Director, as well as others chosen by the WSDT Tournament Director with the consent of the WDCA President. If a member of the Executive Committee is not serving in the tabroom, they cannot be in the judge pool.
3. The Executive Committee shall determine whether or not the tab room will be closed to all individuals not associated in running the tournament.
4. Coaches will not be able to request changes in the teams or judges assigned to the rounds unless there is a concern a tabulation error or an unknown judge conflict occurred, which should then be brought to the WSDT Director.
 | Specifies WSDT, clarifies that an Exe committee member does not have to serve in the tabroom.Clarifies that if there is a potential error in tabulation or judge conflict that coaches should bring that to the tabroom. |
| 310.30,2 | If the WDCA annual membership dues are not paid prior to December 1, before the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament, a fine equal to the amount of the annual dues will be assessed in addition to a school’s annual dues. | Remove | Super confusing, we don’t do this. |
| 310.40B & C | B. The following are some, but not all, of the options affecting the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament.1. Simple cancellation
2. Postponement of the first round in a/all division(s).
	1. In the varsity division, the number of preliminary rounds may be reduced.
	2. Make-up rounds may be scheduled in all divisions for the evening of the last scheduled day of the tournament.

3. For a one-day tournament, reduce the | B. The following are some, but not all, of the options affecting the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament.1. Simple cancellation
2. Postponement of the first round in a/all division(s).
3. The number of preliminary and/or elimination rounds may be reduced.

C. Final determination shall be by mutual agreement between the WSDT Tournament Director and the WDCA President. | Simplifies the language and specifies WSDT tournament director. |

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|  | varsity policy preliminary competition to four rounds, then break to semi-finals. Also reduce the number of preliminary rounds in Public Forum and Lincoln Douglas.C. Final determination shall be by mutual agreement between the Tournament Director and the WDCA President. |  |  |
| 320.10 | * 1. FIFTEEN-MINUTE FORFEIT RULE
		1. Any team which is 15 minutes or more late for the posted start time for a round shall forfeit that round.
		2. Any team which receives a win as a result of a forfeit will be treated as if it had received a bye.
		3. Both a start and forfeit time will be posted for each round. “Start” is defined as the first affirmative delivering the first constructive speech.
 | * 1. TEN-MINUTE FORFEIT RULE
		1. Any team which is 10 or more minutes late for the posted round start time shall forfeit that round. “Start” is defined as the first speaker delivering the first speech for that round.
		2. Any team which receives a win as a result of a forfeit will be treated as if it had received a bye.
 | Reduces to 10 minutes, simplifies language, removes requirement to post a forfeit time (which we never do). |
| 400.10 | * 1. AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
		1. The Awards and Nominations Committee shall solicit and receive officer, scholarship, and Hall of Fame nominations. The committee shall then determine Scholarship winners and Hall of Fame inductees following procedures outlined in the by-laws. The chair shall have the discretion to appoint a substitute when a conflict of interest involving an applicant or nominee exists.
 | * 1. AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS
		1. The Executive Board shall solicit and receive Coach of the Year, scholarship, and Hall of Fame nominations. The Executive Board shall then determine winners following procedures outlined in the by- laws.
 | Brings in line with the proposed constitutional changes for the executive board to choose the awards. |
| 410.101-2 | 1. Definition

The WDCA shall bestow upon a worthy recipient membership in the Coaches Hall of Fame on an annual basis.1. Selection Process
	1. The selection process will begin with each coach copying and
 | 1. Definition

The WDCA shall bestow upon a worthy recipient membership in the Coaches Hall of Fame on an annual basis. An individual can only be inducted into the Hall of Fame once in their life.1. Selection Process
 | Specifies you can only be inducted once, clarifies that it’s the president’s job to release the application and that the exe board decides. |

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|  | submitting the nomination form from the Forms section of the WDCA Handbook.1. After receiving the nominations no later than April 1, the Chair Person of the Awards and Nominations Committee will ask for a resume from each nominee.
2. The Awards and Nominations Committee shall make the final determination of the recipient.
 | 1. The WDCA President will notify the membership when the nomination form is available for completion, due date, and the mechanism for submission.
2. After receiving the nominations no later than April 1, the Executive Board shall make the final determination of the recipient.
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|  | (2) Selection Process1. The selection process begins with a nomination form for the award being sent out with the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament invitation.
2. Nominations for the award shall be returned to the Chairperson of the Awards and Nominations Committee by November 15.
3. The Awards and Nominations Committee shall select three worthy candidates to be placed on a ballot for general membership voting at the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament.
4. At the WSDT tournament registration desk, coaches shall receive a ballot containing the top three nominees.
5. Coaches (one per school) shall cast their ballots on the Saturday of the WSDT with the Chairperson of the Awards and Nominations Committee.
6. The Awards and Nominations Committee shall be responsible for tallying the votes.
7. The Coach of the Year Award shall be presented at the WSDT Awards Ceremony.
8. The award shall be a plaque in the shape of the State of Wisconsin (or equivalent) and shall not exceed $20.00 in cost.
 | (2) Selection Process1. The WDCA President will notify the membership when the nomination form is available for completion, due date, and the mechanism for submission.
2. After receiving the nominations no later than the due date set by the WDCA President, the Executive Board shall select three worthy candidates to be placed on a ballot for general membership voting at the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament. Student nominations are not accepted.
3. At the WSDT tournament registration desk, coaches shall receive a ballot containing the top three nominees.
4. Coaches (one per school) shall cast their ballots on the Saturday of the WSDT with the WDCA President
5. The WDCA President or an appointed Executive Board member shall be responsible for tallying the votes.
6. The Coach of the Year Award shall be presented at the WSDT Awards Ceremony.
7. The award shall be a plaque in the shape of the State of Wisconsin (or equivalent) and shall not exceed $20.00 in cost.

I. | Specifies it’s the President’s job and that the exe board chooses. |
| 420.102 & 3 | Specifies that student nominations are not accepted. |
|  | Removes press release expectation. |
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|  | 1. The Media Communications Committee shall issue a press release to the coac’s hometown, principal, and superintendent.
2. No coach shall be eligible to receive the award more than once in a five year period of time.

(3) Selection CriteriaThe Awards and Nominations Committee will select the three candidates according to the following weighted criteria:1. The coach must be a member in good standing of the WDCA (i.e. dues paid, no other outstanding issues, etc.)
2. The coach exhibits a strong commitment to the educational value of debate. (20%)
3. The coach exhibits a strong commitment to students of all levels and backgrounds.

(20%)1. The coach exhibits a strong commitment to the WDCA organization and the ideals that it serves to promote. (20%)
2. The coach demonstrates a willingness to lend assistance to other debaters, coaches, and tournament hosts and directors. (20%)
3. The coaches team had demonstrated reasonable success in WDCA sanctioned tournaments. (10%)
4. The coaches team members distinguish themselves in debate, attitude, and conduct. (10%)
5. The nomination letter should outline the reasons for honoring the outstanding efforts of this coach.
 | J. No coach shall be eligible to receive the award more than once in a five-year period of time.(3) Selection CriteriaThe Executive Board will select the three candidates according to the following weighted criteria:1. The coach must be a member in good standing of the WDCA (i.e. dues paid, no other outstanding issues, etc.)
2. The coach exhibits a strong commitment to the educational value of debate. (20%)
3. The coach exhibits a strong commitment to students of all levels and backgrounds. (20%)
4. The coach exhibits a strong commitment to the WDCA organization and the ideals that it serves to promote. (20%)
5. The coach demonstrates a willingness to lend assistance to other debaters, coaches, and tournament hosts and directors. (20%)
6. The coach’s team had demonstrated reasonable success in WDCA sanctioned tournaments. (10%)
7. The coaches team members distinguish themselves in debate, attitude, and conduct. (10%)
8. The nomination should outline the reasons for honoring the outstanding efforts of this coach.
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| 430.102 & 3 | 1. Selection Process
	1. The process begins with each coach copying the application form from the forms section of the WDCA Handbook.
 | 1. Selection Process
	1. The WDCA President will notify the membership when the scholarship application form is available for
 | Outlines it’s the President’s job, no longer paper submissions, makes the deadline flexible, outlines new scholarship eval criteria |

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|  | 1. Completed applications must be received by the Awards and Nominations Committee Chairperson by November 15.
2. The Awards and Nominations Committee shall make the final determination of the recipients.
3. Selection Criteria

The Awards and Nominations Committee will select the recipients according the following weighted criteria:* 1. Three year involvement in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, or Public Forum debate (requirement).
	2. Overall grade-point average of

2.75 or better (requirement)* 1. Quality performance in debate (50%)
	2. Involvement in other school and community activities (25%)
	3. Statements from recommendations including leadership, character, and integrity (20%)
	4. Neatness, completeness, and accuracy of the submitted application (5%)
	5. Each member of the committee shall rate all of the applicants from first place to last place. The applicants with best ratings shall receive the scholarships.
 | completion, due date, and the mechanism for submission.B. After receiving the nominations no later than the due date set by the WDCA President, the Executive Board shall make the final determination of the recipients.(3) Selection CriteriaThe Executive Board will select the recipients according the following weighted criteria:1. Three-year involvement in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, or Public Forum debate at the high school level (requirement).
2. Overall grade-point average of

2.75 or better (requirement)1. Each member of the Executive Board shall rate all of the applicants from first place to last place. The applicants with best ratings shall receive the scholarships. If a member of the Executive Board nominated or currently coaches a nominee, they should not rank that nominee. The average rank from the other members of the Executive Board will be utilized as the rank given by the conflicted member. These rankings shall be submitted to the WDCA President by the due date set by the WDCA President.
2. Rankings shall be established by completing the WDCA Scholarship Rubric. This rubric evaluates quality performance in debate, leadership qualities, and
 | that was previously piloted but never officially put into the rules. |

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|  |  | involvement in other activities. The student’s character and integrity is also evaluated. Any ties should be broken by the evaluator’s evaluation on which student best fits the scholarship criteria. There can not be ties in the rankings. |  |
| 440.10 | * 1. HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
		1. Any individual elected to the WDCA Hall of Fame or selected by the Executive Committee shall be an honorary member. Once that individual has retired from

coaching, they shall be allowed voice but no vote in the legislative body. | Remove | We don’t utilize this. Also suggested removal for the constitution. |

Please note, the intent of the next section of edits is to remove redundancy within the standing rules and make it easier to read. So, instead of having one section per event with the same pairing procedures and such, it moves to have one large section that explains all of the respective sections (e.g. one explanation of pairing, one explanation of preferencing, etc.).

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| 330.10 | * 1. VARSITY DIVISIONS
		1. Varsity divisions are offered in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum.
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		1. Varsity divisions are offered in Policy, Lincoln-Douglas, and Public Forum.
		2. Novice divisions are offered in Policy. Novice is defined as a high school student debating their first high school resolution. Students with identified exceptional educations needs may remain in the Novice division beyond their first high school resolution at the discretion of the coach. Should this rule be invoked, the coach must notify the WSDT Tournament Director by the registration deadline.
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| 330.20 | 330.20 VARSITY POLICY DEBATE1. Qualification Procedures
	1. Debaters shall qualify for Varsity Policy Debate at the WSDT by obtaining a better than .500 record in the preliminary rounds at two or more sanctioned tournaments in the policy debate division. Schools
 | 330.20 QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES1. Qualification Procedures
	1. Debaters shall qualify for the WSDT by obtaining a better than

.500 record in the preliminary rounds at two or more sanctioned tournaments in one division. If a student obtains a better than .500 record at two sanctioned tournaments in one division, they cannot attend the WSDT in a different division unless they are moving from novice policy to varsity policy. Schools must compete at three |

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|  | must compete at three or more sanctioned tournaments, only one of which may be a local tournament [as provided in 300.20(2)].Qualification runs with the debater, not the pair.1. Schools may qualify an unlimited number of debaters in the varsity division.o
2. Schools who have not qualified at least two varsity teams for the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament, may qualify two teams (each comprised of the same two students) by each student of those teams obtaining an even (.500) win/loss record or better at any two WDCA sanctioned tournaments in the varsity division at WDCA sanctioned tournaments.
 | or more sanctioned tournaments, only one of which may be a local tournament [as provided in 300.20(2)]. Qualification runs with the debater, not the pair, in partnership events.1. Schools may qualify an unlimited number of debaters.
2. Schools who have not qualified at least two entries for the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament in a particular division may qualify two entries for that division (each comprised of the same two students) by each student obtaining an even (.500) win/loss record or better at any two WDCA sanctioned tournaments in the division.
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| 330.21\*\*This is a new section, but isn’t new information. Not sure that this number makes sense, but that could be changed later.\*\* |  | * 1. JUDGING OBLIGATIONS
		1. The WSDT Invitation will list judging obligations that school must fulfill as there are no tournament hired judges. Schools not fulfilling their judging obligation may be forced to reduce their entries until judging obligations are met.
1. Paradigm definition: A paradigm statement’s purpose is to provide debaters with information regarding a judge’s preferences for style, argumentation, speed, etc., their debating/judging background and other pertinent information. As such, it must be specific to the division and style of debate a judge is entered in.
2. In a manner and by a deadline prescribed by the WSDT Tournament Director, judges in preferenced divisions (LD, Novice Policy, and Varsity Policy) must submit a paradigm for the division in which they will be judging. Failure to submit a paradigm by the deadline may result in the hiring school’s inability to preference judges in that division, at the discretion of the WSDT Tournament Director. The WSDT Tournament Director may require a
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|  |  | judge/coach to edit a paradigm which does not meet the definition in (B) above.D. Judges in the novice or varsity policy division must submit their ballot and conclude any comments given to debaters within two hours of the posted start time for preliminary rounds, or two hours and fifteen minutes for elimination rounds. Judges in the Lincoln Douglas or Public Forum division must submit their ballot and conclude any comments given to debaters within one hour of the posted start time for preliminary or elimination rounds. Schools whose judges do not abide by this rule are subject to a fine of$15. A judge may be removed from the judging pool for repeated violations, following the procedures in the adjudicator guidelines. |
|  | Notes:* No idea what number this would become, but it would be the next large section (e.g. 330.30)
* The bolded are things that are wording changes from the current language in the individual sections.
* Makes the standards consistent across all the events.
 | WSDT Operations Procedure1. During a time announced by the WSDT Tournament Director, **all coaches** must telephone, or register in person online to verify their entries, judges, and preferences/strikes. Those who fail to comply may be given a $35 fine as a consequence.
2. The following criteria will be used to run the WSDT. Unless specified, these procedures apply to all divisions.
	1. In Lincoln Douglas, Novice Policy and Varsity Policy, judge preferences should be entered and verified for all teams utilizing ordinal ranks with the weighting recommended by the tabulation software. In Public Forum Debate, each team will be allowed four judge strikes. The words “first year” will appear behind the name of each first-year judge on the strike sheet.
	2. No judge should see a team previously seen during the preliminary rounds.
	3. Rounds 1 and 2 shall be randomly assigned by the computer program.
	4. Rounds 3, 4, 5, and 6 should be power-paired high-low (based on speaker points) in brackets by the computer program, and judges should be randomly assigned by the computer using only the established judge preferencing system. **An incomplete bracket is filled by the tabulation software based upon a setting chosen by the WSDT Tournament Director.**
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|  |  | 1. **In Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum divisions, preliminary rounds will be flighted as the WSDT Tournament Director outlines within the schedule.**
2. Judge selections for all preliminary rounds should be solely determined by the computer program. If the computer leaves a judge slot blank, the next possible judge on the list should be selected and placed in that round
3. Policy team tie-breakers used by the computer program should be used in the following order: wins, total points, ranks, high- low points, high-low ranks, double high-low points, double high-low ranks, opposition wins, a random variable. Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum team tie breakers used by the computer program should be used in the following order: wins, total points, high-low points, double high-low points, opposition wins, a random variable.
4. **Policy Debate speaker tie-breakers used by the computer program should be used in the following order: Total ranks, High/Low ranks, Judge Variance, High/Low points, total points. Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum speaker tie-breakers used by the computer program should be used in the following order: Judge Variance, High/Low points, total points. If a tie still exists, duplicate awards will be given.**
5. **In elimination rounds, judge preferencing ought to be maintained for division utilizing ordinal ranks. This includes repeat judging. In Public Forum, the following guidelines should apply to judge placements: clean judges should be assigned as much as possible; judges can then be used to see debaters that they issued wins to on the opposite side; judges can then be used to see debaters that they issued losses to on opposite sides.**
6. In the event that computer technology is unavailable to schedule and tabulate any division, every effort shall be made to adhere to the above criteria using team and judge cards.
7. Electronic tabulation software as determined by the tournament director will be used.
8. No rounds may begin after 9:30 p.m.
9. **In extraordinary circumstances that prevent any of these criteria to be followed, the WSDT Tournament Director,**
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|  |  | **Judging Standards and Ethics Chair and WDCA President may convene to make necessary changes for the tournament to run.**C. Elimination rounds will adhere to the following:1. All teams with a winning record are eligible to compete in elimination rounds. If the bracket is incomplete as a result, higher seed teams are advanced without debating in order to preserve the integrity of the competition. If the novice policy division would run substantially longer than the varsity policy division, the WSDT committee is empowered to modify the length of the tournament by curtailing preliminary rounds or elimination rounds.
2. A coin toss by the two teams will determine the sides to be debated. The winner of the coin toss will decide on which side they will debate. If teams meet a second time, they must reverse sides if it occurs in Lincoln Douglas or Policy Debate.
3. Teams who are from the same school will be allowed to debate each other or the head coach may determine who wins.
4. Panels of not fewer than three judges will be used in each round. A judging panel at least five judges is required for the final round.

F. Individual trophies will be presented to all teams who participated in the elimination rounds. In addition, trophies will be presented to the top ten speakers. |
| Presuming the above changes pass for reorganization, the following sections can be deleted: 330.20 (3), 330.30, 330.40, 330.50, 340.10 |

The first option (September 1 only) was chosen for the contract deadline.

There was discussion on the proposed change to the maverick policy.

Todd Le explained the rationale for allowing kiritiks in novice, and Stephanie discussed how this would be implemented in the novice packet. Some discussion followed. Dan Hansen moved to severe 200.51,1; 200.51,2; and 200.10,1M, and it was second. **The vote to sever passed 8-5.** Dan expressed concern that this would be harmful to novices not focused on the national circuit. He also does not think you should be able to run both a K and a CP in a novice round, if the permitted K is adopted. Matt spoke in favor of transitioning into the K over the course of the novice year. Stephanie added support to Matt’s position on this as well, based on her team experience, saying that a limited designated K would be a helpful step during the novice year. Ben Sauer said that his novices enjoyed using kritics at Badgerland, and that allowing them would be helpful to preparing them for the next year.

Ben Hamburger asked if allowing novice kritiks December 1 would work. There was doubt expressed as to whether this would be useful. Justin pointed out that this change would be helpful in introducing students to policy debate. The previous question was called, and the motion was seconded. **The motion to call the question passed.** A friendly amendment to add the word “text” after “plan” was agreed to. **The motion passed 10-1.**

There was discussion on the proposal to withhold punitive consequences for the first offence at a meet of novices who share excessive evidence while restrictions are still in place. A friendly amendment was accepted to limit it to one violation period. Another friendly amendment was agreed to that would make this apply to a student rather than a team.

Additional clarifications and grammatical errors were addressed and repaired.

There was discussion about whether coaches who are in the judging pool should be allowed to observe a round of their own students.

There was a motion to sever the language regarding judges reviewing evidence, and the motion was seconded. **The motion to sever passed by a voice vote.** John Tao pointed out that tab ignored the rule at the state tournament. The previous question was moved and seconded, and **the previous question was called by a voice vote.** **The vote on the main motion passed 13-1.**

Additional clarifications were discussed. It was moved to sever, and the motion was seconded. **The motion failed.** Instead, Stephanie accepted a friendly amendment that permission to use the internet for research was limited to verifying the validity of the source. Discussion on this topic continued.

Stephanie accepted a friendly amendment to apply the issue of using prep time for providing speeches to policy and LD only. She also withdrew the proposal regarding not sharing more than pieces of evidence that a debater reasonably plans to read.

Discussion continued on a succession of proposed changes. John K. agreed to a friendly amendment to keep the assignment of floor monitors as a responsibility of the Tournament Host. John K. moved to sever the dues penalty proposal, and the motion was seconded. **The motion passed.** Ben Sauer moved to pass the proposal, and the motion was seconded. **The motion failed 1-10.**

Discussion continued on proposed changes. Stephanie accepted a friendly amendment to change posted to announced, and removing the reference to the definition of “start.”

John K. accepted a friendly amendment to amend the reference on the time limit for submitting ballots to be two hours after the “announced” start times. Discussion continued on proposals.

Stephanie pulled back vii and viii for now so it could re-examined in the fall.

The question was moved, and the motion was seconded. **The previous question was called. The omnibus package (modified as noted above) was passed by voice vote.**

Todd withdrew the first page of his proposals, so the following were introduced:

220.10 ADJUDICATOR GUIDELINES

Existing Rule

(1) At all WDCA sanctioned events including the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament, the following expectations will be met in addition to those detailed within the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the WDCA.

J. No high school student may be used to judge any round at the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament nor at any WDCA sanctioned tournament.

Change

J. No high school student may be used to judge any round at the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament nor at any WDCA sanctioned tournament. Students that have at least three years of debating a specific debate style may be allowed to judge in the novice divisions of that style of debate at WDCA sanctioned tournaments, except the WSDT.

Justification

This is important for two reasons. First, by allowing students to judge, it gives them the opportunity to develop their own ideas about round evaluation and gives them a new perspective of the debate activity. Second, it allows schools to save money on hiring judges while also providing qualified judges in the novice division.

Existing Rule

(1) At all WDCA sanctioned events including the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament, the following expectations will be met in addition to those detailed within the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the WDCA.

M. Novice limited topics and a no kritik rule are in effect for all WDCA sanctioned events throughout the entire season including the Wisconsin State Debate Tournament

Change

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Justification

This change matches above proposed changes to allow kritiks to be used in the novice packet.

 He then spoke to his proposal regarding allowing student judges for tournaments other than the WSDT. He accepted a friendly amendment to specify “entering their senior year and having completed at least a year of varsity.” Matt raised concerns about entrusting the supervision and authority in a classroom to a high school is not a good idea. Ben Sauer expressed concern that a school like his could not find enough judges without this rule. He suggested leaving it up to the tournament host’s discretion. Kedrick expressed discomfort with having his students judged by a high school student, even if the tournament director approves. Ben Hamburger related that much experience with this happening outside the state did not reveal serious problems with it. He said it also provided very good learning experiences. Becky spoke to her concerns about both educational value and also liability due to not having an adult in the room. Ben Sauer said the ability of tournament hosts to decline allowing this should take care of these concerns. Brooke pointed out there is little different between a high school senior and a college freshman. Brittany Newman explained that she does have her team captains run practices, and she found they dealt with problems very well. Justin spoke to his experience in Wyoming, which emphasized that these students really need to know the rules well. Dan suggested making the high school student judges should have to undergo training, including in ethics. Matt warned that it would not be good if a student judge were accosted by an angry coach. Stephanie suggested that no conversations like that should occur without either the student judge’s coach or the tournament host present. Todd accepted friendly amendments to specify that students would be trained and that tournament hosts would have discretion to ax the policy at their meet. The question was moved, and the motion was seconded. **The question was called. The motion passed 12-5.** Todd agreed to draft additional guidelines for this.

Dan raised the issue of allowing 8 minutes of prep time. Ben Hamburger pointed out this is not currently defined in the standing rules. Ben Sauer moved to mandate that at the next state tournament, 8 minutes of prep time be given, and the motion was seconded. **The motion passed 13-4.**

Tim moved to add to “6” of the Adjudicator Guidelines: “To limit tabulation errors, judges must communicate their decision as to the team receiving the win to the debaters at the conclusion of the round.”

Ben Hamburger asked for volunteers for Novice Packet Committee, the ad hoc Committee on Behavior, and Acting Treasurer.

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Devine

WDCA Secretary