

OSSAA Speech Advisory Committee  
May 12, 2022

Present: Mike Plunkett, OSSAA; Kasey Harrison, Edmond Santa Fe; Kelly McCracken, Booker T. Washington; Michael Patterson, Guymon; Jennifer Denslow, Oologah; Paula McConnell, Marlow; Jessica Matthews, Keys; Jason Paris, Cherokee; Jody Batie, Haskell

1. Elect Jody Batie to be State Tournament Director.

Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Jody Batie

Aye: Jason Paris, Paula McConnell, Jessica Matthews, Michael Patterson, Jennifer Denslow, Kasey Harrison, Kelly McCracken

Abstaining: Jody Batie

Passed 7-0

2. Remove cumulative scores at the state tournament for final rounds.

Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Jody Batie

Aye: Jody Batie, Jessica Matthews

Nay: Jason Paris, Paula McConnell, Michael Patterson, Jennifer Denslow, Kasey Harrison, Kelly McCracken

Failed 2-6

3. Include cumulative scores at regionals.

Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Kelly McCracken

Aye: Kelly McCracken, Kasey Harrison, Jennifer Denslow

Nay: Jason Paris, Jody Batie, Paula McConnell, Jessica Matthews, Michael Patterson

Failed: 3-5

4. Split divisions at the state speech tournament for 2023, having a separate 3A/4A and 5A/6A state tournament on the same date.

Moved: Paula McConnell 2nd: Kelly McCracken

Aye: Jason Paris, Jody Batie, Paula McConnell, Michael Patterson, Jennifer Denslow, Kasey Harrison, Kelly McCracken

Nay: Jessica Matthews

Passed 7-1

5. On SPE, rule C3, move “Significant movement (i.e., walking, pacing) is not allowed” to number D9 and add an asterisk.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Kasey Harrison

Aye: Jason Paris, Jody Batie, Paula McConnell, Jessica Matthews, Jennifer Denslow, Kelly McCracken, Kasey Harrison

Abstained: Michael Patterson

Passed 7-0

6. On SPE 14, rule D3, move “Significant movement (i.e., walking, pacing) is not allowed” to number D9 and add an asterisk.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Kasey Harrison

Passed 8-0

7. Add an asterisk to rules C1, 2, 3, 6, and 7 under “Material” on p. SPE 7.

Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Paula McConnell

Passed 8-0

8. Add “after December 1st” after “previously qualified” on p. SPE 7, rule E5, and add an asterisk.

Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Kelly McCracken

Passed 8-0

9. Delete E7 on p. SPE 7.

Moved: Kasey Harrison 2nd: Michael Patterson

Passed 8-0

10. Add an asterisk to rule E8 (now #7 on p. SPE 7).  
Moved: [Jessica Matthews](#) 2nd: Michael Patterson  
Passed 8-0
11. In team debate events, flip speaks and ranks as criteria for tie-breaker.  
Moved: Michael Patterson 2nd: Jessica Matthews  
Aye: Jason Paris, Paula McConnell, Jessica Matthews, [Michael Patterson](#), Jennifer Denslow, Kasey Harrison, Kelly McCracken  
Nay: Jody Batie  
Passed: 7-1
12. In all debate events, narrow the speaker points to a scale of 1-4.  
Moved: Michael Patterson 2nd: Jennifer Denslow  
Passed 8-0
13. Delete 22 a-h on p. SPE 19, delete 16 a-g on p. SPE 21, and delete 20 a-f on p. SPE 22-23 and replace all with the following:  
Internet access is allowed in all forms.
- a. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any sources (coaches or assistants included) outside the room in which competition occurs.
  - b. Sanction: Contestants found to have violated the provision above shall be disqualified from the tournament and shall forfeit all rounds. Contest directors shall be empowered with the final decision concerning disqualification.
  - c. Availability of evidence: Contestants electing to use computers shall have the responsibility to promptly/immediately provide access to any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence may be printed in the round but must be provided in a format readable by the opposing team and the judge.
  - d. Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords, and all other accessories. Tournament hosts shall not be responsible for providing internet access, computers, printers, software, paper, or extension cords for contestants.
  - e. Contestants choosing to use laptop computers accept the risk of equipment failure. No special consideration or accommodations, including no additional prep time or speech time, will be given by judges, contest directors, or tournament hosts should equipment failure occur. By choosing to use laptop computers in the round, debaters are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their files, and /or email chains. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use computers in the round.  
Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Michael Patterson  
Aye: Jason Paris, Paula McConnell, Jessica Matthews, Michael Patterson, Jennifer Denslow, Kasey Harrison, Kelly McCracken  
Nay: Jody Batie  
Passed: 7-1
14. Delete rule I19 on p. SPE 18, rule #13 on p. SPE 20, and rule #18 on p. SPE 22.  
Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Michael Patterson  
Passed 8-0
15. Delete rule K21 on p. SPE 23, rule J17 on p. SPE 21, and rule I23 on p. SPE 19.  
Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Michael Patterson  
Passed 8-0
16. Add “in original oratory” after the word “plagiarism” in rule E7 on p. SPE 7.  
Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Jody Batie  
Passed 8-0
17. On p. SPE17, on rule E7, substitute “that competition” for “one calendar year”.  
Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Jody Batie

Passed 8-0

18. Replace rule 8 and its sub point ‘a’ with the following:

\*8. The use of laptop computers to access the internet is allowed in extemp draw. The host school is not required to provide internet access.

a. Extemporaneous speaking contestants may make use of electronic retrieval devices. Electronic retrieval devices are defined as laptop computers, cell phones, smart phones, netbooks, ipads, tablets, or other portable electronic devices.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Jason Paris

Aye: Jason Paris, Jessica Matthews, Paula McConnell, Jennifer Denslow, Michael Patterson, Kasey Harrison, [Kelly McCracken](#)

Nay: Jody Batie

Passed 7-1

19. Delete the second sentence in rule G 8 d on p. SPE 16 and add an asterisk to it.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Michael Patterson

Passed 8-0

20. Delete rule G 8 g on p. SPE 16.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Jody Batie

Passed: 8-0

21. Delete rule G 8 h 1 on p. SPE 17.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Kasey Harrison

Passed 8-0

22. Add an asterisk to the rule concerning the availability of evidence: rule 19 f on p. SPE 22, rule 16 f on p. SPE 21, rule 20 e on p. SPE 23.

Moved: Jessica Matthews 2nd: Kasey Harrison

Passed 8-0

23. Add, in a box on the table of contents page, the following:

Trauma Warnings should be disclosed by performers prior to the start of the teaser/intro. Trauma Warnings will not be timed and students who feel they should step into the hallway prior to the performance will be allowed to do so without penalty. Students who choose to step out due to Trauma Warnings should re-enter the room following the performance.

Moved: Michael Patterson 2nd: Jessica Matthews

Passed 8-0

24. Elect [Kelly McCracken](#) 5A/6A state tournament director for 2023.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Kasey Harrison

Passed: 7-0

Abstain: Kelly McCracken

25. Delete “If there is a tie for the 6th position, all ties will advance to the finals providing the number in the finals does not exceed eight (8).” on p. SPE 12 rule 11.

Moved: Kasey Harrison 2nd: Jennifer Denslow

Passed 8-0

26. Add “No section is to exceed more than 8 at any time.” to p. SPE 12, rule #11, after “will be advanced to finals.” and p. 13, rule #8, after “will be advanced to finals.”

Move: Kasey Harrison 2nd: Kelly McCracken

Passed 8-0

27. Insert between rules 7 and 8 on p. SPE 13:

Guidelines for sectioning at the state tournament

- a. The first priority is avoiding scheduling competitors from the same school in the same sections. When a school has more than 3 competitors in an event those competitors will be distributed equally throughout the sections.
- b. In 5a/6a: the regional champions should never be scheduled in the same section. in 3a/4a: the regional champions should always be sectioned with two sections having one regional champion and the remaining section having two. Every effort should be made so that a regional champion is never scheduled against another regional champion more than once.
- c. Every effort should be made to balance the relative power of each section using
- d. Regional placement as the guide to determine relative power.
- e. No competitors should compete against each other more than twice.
- f. When moving competitors to achieve the above, tournament officials should trade competitors from sections with as close to the same regional placement as possible.
- g. Speaking order goals:
  1. to the extent possible competitors from the same school speaking back to back should be avoided.
  - ii. to the extent possible competitors speaking positions should be varied in each round.

Moved: Kasey Harrison 2nd: Paula McConnell  
Passed 8-0

28. Split 5A/6A PF debate.

Moved: [Kelly McCracken](#) 2nd: Jennifer Denslow  
Passed 8-0

29. Split 3A/4A PF debate.

Moved: Jody Batie 2nd: Jessica Matthews  
Aye: Aye: Jody Batie, Jessica Matthews, Kasey Harrison, [Kelly McCracken](#)  
Nay: Jason Paris, Paula McConnell, Jennifer Denslow  
Abstain: Michael Patterson  
Passed 4-3

30. Committee members to be voted on by people in the same class and region.

Moved: Kasey Harrison 2nd: Jessica Matthews  
Aye: Kasey Harrison, [Kelly McCracken](#), Jessica Matthews  
Nay: Jason Paris, Jody Batie, Paula McConnell, Jennifer Denslow, Michael Patterson  
Failed 3-5

31. Change overtime rule to: A student that exceeds 30 seconds past the time limit in each event cannot be ranked first by the judge. They may be ranked a 2 or below and the penalty of the overtime offense may be determined by the Judge. No other dropped ranks or penalties will be added in the tabroom.

Moved: [Kelly McCracken](#) 2nd: Jessica Matthews  
Aye: Kelly McCracken, Kasey Harrison, Jessica Matthews  
Nay: Jody Batie, Jason Paris, [Paula McConnell](#), Michael Patterson  
Failed: 4-4

32. Eliminate rule IX E on p. SPE 9 and any reference that excessive overtime, 30 seconds overtime in any event, will result in disqualification.

Moved: Jody Batie 2nd: [Kelly McCracken](#)  
Aye: Jason Paris, Jody Batie, [Paula McConnell](#), [Jessica Matthews](#), [Jennifer Denslow](#), [Kelly McCracken](#), Kasey Harrison  
No: Michael Patterson  
Passed: 7-1