



OSSAA Speech Advisory Committee

May 9, 2024

Present: Alex Claussen, OSSAA; Kasey Harrison, Edmond Santa Fe; Kelly McCracken, Booker T. Washington; Brett Young, Bishop McGuinness; Jennifer Denslow, Oologah; Paula McConnell, Marlow; Stormy Howell, Okmulgee; Jason Paris, Cherokee; Jody Batie, Haskell

1. On page SPE 8, under F, add “10. Only rules marked with an asterisk are protestable. The penalty for violating an asterisked rule shall be disqualification.”

Moved: Kasey Harrison 2nd: [Kelly McCracken](#)

Passed 8-0

2. Replace the trauma warning on SPE 1 with “It is the OSSAA’s expectation that judges are: Attentive: act as a silent observer while students present. Make it clear you are giving them your full attention. Impartial: enter each round with an open mind. Do not let your personal opinions regarding content, students’ dress, hairstyling, etc., influence your decision. Kind: Speech/Drama/Debate is an educational activity. Students gain growth and confidence via this supportive environment.”

Moved: [Jody Batie](#) 2nd: Paula McConnell

Passed 8-0

3. Move the trauma warning to VII C 9 . Substitute “allows” for “encourages”. Delete “prior to the start of the teaser/intro” and replace it with “from the audience”.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Kasey Harrison

Passed 8-0

4. On page SPE 9, add to VIII C 12, “If a violation is brought to the attention of the tournament director, the round may be rerun.”

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Paula McConnell

Passed 8-0

5. On SPE 8 in rule VII F 5, insert “on site” after “state committee”.

Moved: Stormy Howell 2nd: Jennifer Denslow

Passed 8-0

6. Change CX judge **regional & state requirements** to 1 judge for 2 teams, 2 judges for 3 teams, 3 judges for 4 teams, 4 judges for 5 teams, 5 judges for 6 teams, 6 judges for 7 teams, and continue the same for all above 7 teams change CX judge qualifying tournament requirements to 1 judge for 3 teams, 2 judges for 5 teams, 3 judges for 7 teams, 4 judges for 9 teams, 5 judges for 11 teams, 6 judges for 13 teams and continue the same for all above 13 teams. Change CX judge **qualifying tournament** requirements to 1 judge for 3 teams, 2 judges for 5 teams, 3

judges for 7 teams, 4 judges for 9 teams, 5 judges for 11 teams, 6 judges for 13 teams and continue the same for all above 13 teams

Moved: Jody Batie 2nd: Jason Paris
Passed 8-0

7. Move speaker points in debate to a 1-6 system.

Moved: [Kelly McCracken](#) 2nd: Kasey Harrison
Passed 8-0

8. Continue Informative and Program of Oral Interpretation as pilot events except allow tournament directors and OSSAA to charge for entries in the events.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Kelly McCracken
Passed 8-0

9. On page SPE 23, rule L, replace “original oration” with “Informative” in rule 1 and “oration” and “oratory” with “speech” in rule 7.

Moved: Stormy Howell 2nd: Jennifer Denslow
Passed 8-0

10. On page SPE 14, XI A 7 and page SPE 23 XI L 7, delete “in a sealed envelope at registration”.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Kasey Harrison
Passed 8-0

11 Rules included in Humorous and Dramatic Duet prohibiting scenery, special lighting, costume and adjustment of clothing, makeup, sound, or furniture other than a single chair in monologue should be included in Humorous and Dramatic Interpretation and Monologue rules.

Moved: Paula McConnell 2nd: Brett Young
Passed 8-0

12. On page SPE 37 XIV C 2a, replace “eight (8)” with “seven (7)” in both places.

Moved: Jody Batie 2nd: Stormy Howell
Passed 8-0

13. Move grace period to thirty seconds instead of 15 seconds on page SPE 9 rules IX B & C.

Moved: Jody Batie 2nd: Kasey Harrison
Aye: Jody Batie, Stormy Howell, Brett Young, Kelly McCracken, Kasey Harrison
No: Jason Paris, Paula McConnell, Jennifer Denslow

14. On page SPE 13 rule X B 20, in the last paragraph, replace “their” with “four”.

Moved: Jody Batie
2nd: [Paula McConnell](#)

Passed 8-0

15. On page SPE 16 rule 21 A and in the same rule in sections regarding Lincoln Douglas and Public Forum debate, delete “(coaches or assistants included) outside the room in which competition occurs.” with “not competing in the debate round.”.

Moved: Kasey Harrison 2nd: [Kelly McCracken](#)

Passed 8-0

16. On page SPE 16, XI G 5, delete “the judge must give the card to the tournament director” and replace it with “Judges may only check the card after the speech. If they suspect a violation has occurred, they should rank the speaker as if no violation has occurred and give the card in question to the tournament director.”

Moved: Jody Batie 2nd: [Paula Mcconnell](#)

Passed 7-0

17. On page SPE 16, rule XI F 6, delete the rule and insert “Blocking appropriate to the scene is permitted.” and remove the asterisk.

Moved: Jody Batie 2nd: Stormy Howell

Passed 7-0

18. On page SPE 16, F 8 and SPE 17 H 7, insert “introductions and” after “all”.

Moved: Kelly McCracken 2nd: Jason Paris

Passed 7-0

19. On page SPE 15, C 4, D 4, and E 8, and on page SPE 23 M 5, replace “A copy from the original published script must be available. This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed.” with “This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed. A typed copy of the introduction and all transitions must also be available. Each separate transition must be numbered with the corresponding number placed in the script at the appropriate location. Penalty for failure to have available or follow proper form is disqualification.”

Moved: Kelly McCracken 2nd: Brett Young

Passed 7-0

20. Replace rule VII C 3 on SPE 7 with “*3. After a protest has been filed with the tournament director, within 30 minutes of notification the coach shall make available a photocopy, electronic scan, photo, or other direct facsimile from the original published script. This copy must have all lines highlighted if they are to be performed. A typed copy of the introduction and all transitions must also be available. Each separate transition must be numbered with the corresponding number placed in the script at the appropriate location. Penalty for failure to have available or follow proper form is disqualification.”

Moved: Jennifer Denslow 2nd: Jason Paris

Passed 7-0

21. If a claim of falsification of evidence is made by a team in a round, it must be followed by a protest.

Moved: [Kelly McCracken](#) 2nd: Jennifer Denslow

Aye: Kelly McCracken, Jennifer Denslow, Brett Young

No: Jody Batie, Jason Paris, Stormy Howell, [Paula McConnell](#)

Failed 3-4

Discussion Points

- Appoint Jennifer Denslow as new 5A/6A State Speech & Debate Tournament Manager
- Re-appoint Jody Batie as 3A/4A State Speech & Debate Tournament Manager
- Kelly McCracken's replacement as the 6A East Representative on the Advisory Committee
- Review 2024-2025 and 4-year Calendar
- Ossaaspeech.com website challenges and plan for moving forward
- Concerns with profanity and subject matter for One Act Play and Speech/Debate
- Judging help and resources for judges
- Reducing finalists who advance Regionals and/or State from 8 to 6
- Sweepstakes points at tournaments
- Sweepstakes points for debate
- Creating a judging pool for debate judges
- Requiring all pre-qualified students (including Debate and Extemp) to enter in Champs Division 2nd semester
- Prose & Poetry ballots clearly stating that memorization not be required
- Audio and visual cues from judge, audience, coach, team members
- Usage of electronics for communication during debate
- Unauthorized videorecording of rounds
- Consider elimination of 3 person debate teams
- Usage of same script for multiple events at same tournament
- Improve publicity, specifically regarding tournament results
- Breaking brackets at state debate quarterfinals
- Standardizing all tournament start times, including qualifying tournaments

Branding/Name Clarification- OSSAA Speech, Dram