

OSSAA Speech Advisory Committee

May 8, 2025

Present: Alex Claussen, OSSAA; Kasey Harrison, Edmond Santa Fe; Robert Walters, Broken Arrow; Brett Young, Bishop McGuinness; Jennifer Denslow, Oologah; Paula McConnell, Marlow; Stormy Howell, Okmulgee; Jason Paris, Cherokee; Jody Batie, Haskell

1. Make Jody Batie 3A/4A state tournament director.

Moved: Paula McConnell 2nd: Stormy Howell

Passed: 8-0

2. Make Jennifer Denslow 5A/6A state tournament director.

Moved: Kasey Harrison 2nd: Brett Young

Passed: 8-0

3. Move the top of 3A to 249.9 ADM and the bottom of 4A to 250 ADM.

Moved: Paula McConnell

2nd: Jody Batie

Passed: 8-0

4. Delete "original script: on rule VII-C-3 and substitute "original source" to clarify that coaches should have a copy of the original source the material comes from, not a typed copy based on the original.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow

2nd: Jody Batie

Passed 8-0

5. Cut "A copy from the original published script must be available. 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 correct corresponding number placed in the script at the appropriate location. Penalty for failure to have available or follow proper form is disqualification." from: Rule XI C *4, XI D *4, XI E *8, XI F *8, XI H *7, XI M *5 (Prose, Poetry, Monologue. HD/DD, HI/DI, POI) to provide only one place where instructions for a properly formatted script appears.

Moved: Jennifer Denslow

2nd: Kasey Harrison

Passed 8-0

6. Add POI to the list of literature-based events in rule VII C 2 on page SPE7.

Moved: Kasey Harrison

2nd: Brett Young

Passed: 8-0

7. End the pilot program of POI and Informative and make them regular events. These events will count toward the three permitted and sweeps will be awarded in the same way as prose, poetry, and oratory.

Moved: Kasey Harrison

2nd: Brett Young

Passed 8-0

8. Delete rule XI M 3 on page SPE 24: "Gestures are allowed but the interpreter is to get his effect primarily through vocal changes and changes in facial expressions. Character voices are acceptable. Eye contact should be directed toward the audience."

Moved: Jennifer Denslow

2nd: Robert Walters

Passed 8-0

9. Visual aids not permitted, with the following exceptions: Informative Speaking may have visual aids within the confines of the specific rules, and Prose, Poetry, and POI may use the book itself as a prop with no other visual aids, including but not limited to images, or the removal of pages.

Moved: Stormy Howell

2nd: Paula McConnell

Passed: 8-0

10. On rule XI K 10 SPE 23, change the second sentence to read: "The January topic will be used in qualifying tournaments in January and February, the March topic will be used for regionals and state."

Moved: Kasey Harrison

2nd: Jody Batie

Passed 8-0

11. On rule XI B 3, cut “precede his selection” and insert “include a short introduction”.

Moved: Jody Batie
2nd: Paula McConnell
Passed: 8-0

12. Add to the rules on SPE 8 to become VII E 10, “ Artistic Plagiarism: Videos of NSDA final round performances and/or other video media are intended to provide educational examples for coaches and students. They are not intended to serve as a model to imitate or duplicate in performance directly. Although universal human emotions may lead to similarities in portrayal of characters, impersonation, including blocking, and/or interpretation (verbal and/or nonverbal portrayal of characters and text) of material of previous NSDA semifinal round, final round, and other video media performances is prohibited and grounds for disqualification. It is the burden of the individual filing the protest to provide documented evidence of the artistic plagiarism demonstrated in the performance. This includes providing access to the plagiarized video material and written verification of examples to substantiate the complaint.”

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

13. Shorten time limit in Standard Oratory to 8 minutes.

Moved: Paula McConnell
2nd: Jennifer Denslow
Failed 2-6

Aye: Paula McConnell, Jennifer Denslow

No: Kasey Harrison, Robert Walters, Brett Young, Stormy Howell, Jody Batie, Jason Paris