

Summary of the Speech, Debate, & Theatre Advisory Committee Meeting with Board Action

May 5, 2021

1. Recommend that asynchronous event students need to stay on screen, with no editing and with the camera remaining stationary at all times.
2. Recommend that during virtual tournaments all event rounds (with the exception of Reader's Theatre and One-Act Play) be synchronous for district and state, only allowing a video back up to account for internet issues.
3. Recommend that Policy Debate preparation time be increased to 8 minutes and Public Forum Debate preparation time be increased to 3 minutes to line up with the NSDA permanent change.
4. Recommend that the first summary speech times in Public Forum Debate increase from 2 minutes to 3 minutes to align with the NSDA permanent change.
5. Recommend expanding the number of events from three to four that a student can enter at the district and state tournaments, with a cap on three Individual Events.
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* Denied

** Tabled for further study

*** Approved as amended

**** No action necessary

All others approved