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An Amendment to Codify Powers of the Executive Council

Title of Amendment:

Page of Constitution/By-Laws/Standing Rules/Code of Professional Standards you wish to address: _____

Which section of the constitution are you amending?

Constitution (two-thirds if submitted w/i 30 days, three-fourths otherwise)

By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Code of Professional Standards (majority vote if submitted w/i 30 days, three-fourths otherwise)

Constitutional Wording Now:

No wording addressing specific topic.

Change you wish to make:

Article IV. Executive Council

Section 3: The Executive Council is empowered to solicit, review, and approve initiatives by member coaches and institutions that may run contrary to the standing rules and by-laws of the organization for purposes of testing alternatives for future consideration and broader approval.

Section 4: The Executive Council is empowered to recruit, hire, evaluate, and terminate paid personnel to serve the interests of the organization.

Rationale:

Currently, inventive ideas that run contrary to the Constitution and Standing Rules must be rejected on face by the EC. This provision allows the EC to permit pre-approved alternatives to exist so that their effects may be more concretely known before any permanent rule changes are considered. This provision is intentionally silent on the method of approval as the EC should determine for itself how and along what timeframe members should submit proposals. Additionally, the EC is within its powers to reject any and all proposals at its discretion.

Section 4 codifies the power of the EC to extend to exploring the possibility of hiring one or more individuals to serve the organization with compensation. This includes, but is not limited to, an executive director that works at the leisure of and reports to the EC. This Section does not require the EC to take such a step, but simply permits it.

Date amendment would take effect: April 1, 2016

Respectfully Submitted

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An Amendment to Further Clarify Precedence Priorities

Page of Constitution/By-Laws/Standing Rules/Code of Professional Standards you wish to address: 55

Which section of the constitution are you amending?

Constitution (two-thirds if submitted w/i 30 days, three-fourths otherwise)

By-Laws, Standing Rules, and Code of Professional Standards (majority vote if submitted w/i 30 days, three-fourths otherwise)

Constitutional Wording Now:

The tournament dates shall be assigned according to the following priorities:

- a. Those schools having previously hosted a qualifying tournament and who are requesting the same weekend as the previous year.
- b. Those schools having previously hosted a qualifying tournament and who are requesting a different weekend from the previous year.
- c. Anyone requesting to hold a qualifying tournament who had not hosted one the previous year.
- d. Any application received after May 1.
- e. Those schools who requested a tournament date the previous year and subsequently cancelled their tournament or moved their tournament date.
- f. The Executive Council reserves the right to revoke or alter precedence for tournaments who were protested and sanctioned in the previous competitive year.
- g. If two or more schools choose to host a tournament together (co-host), the co-hosting pair has precedence based on the guidelines stated above. If they co-hosting schools choose to apply separately in subsequent years, they qualify for priority c above.

Change you wish to make:

The tournament dates shall be assigned according to the following priorities:

- a. Those schools having previously hosted a qualifying tournament and who are requesting the same weekend **and location** as the previous year.
- b. Those schools having previously hosted a qualifying tournament and who are requesting a different weekend **and/or location** from the previous year.
- c. Anyone requesting to hold a qualifying tournament who had not hosted one the previous year.
- d. Any application received after May 1.
- e. Those schools who requested a tournament date the previous year and subsequently cancelled their tournament or moved their tournament date **after August 15th**.
- f. The Executive Council reserves the right to revoke or alter precedence for tournaments who were protested and sanctioned in the previous competitive year.
- g. If two or more schools choose to host a tournament together (co-host), the co-hosting pair has precedence based on the guidelines stated above. If they co-hosting schools choose to apply separately in subsequent years, they qualify for priority c above.
- h. **Two IQTs which coordinate schedules in such a way that competitors are able to attend both (“swing” tournaments) are considered separate applications for all precedence issues.**

Rationale:

- a. The addition of the 150-mile rule within regions opens the possibility of two tournaments hosting a swing that is at least 150 miles away from the third tournament in the region. This could happen even though one of the swing hosts may be a school whose address is within the 150-mile radius of the stand-alone tournament. Adding tournament location to the precedence consideration prevents either party of the swing from claiming top precedence the following year in a different location. Essentially, this codifies the intent of precedence to be: if everything is the same, you are guaranteed the date you had last year. If something changes, you get bumped down to priority b.
- b. Same as rationale a.
- e. Current wording indicates that tournaments which change dates at any time after submitting their application are considered to have not hosted a tournament. As this section of the standing rules goes on to state “The tournament list will be reviewed, amended, and given final approval in August. Petitions for changing approved tournament dates must be submitted to the TFA Executive Council prior to August 15th unless extenuating circumstances are documented by the administrator and coach involved prior to the beginning of the TSCA convention,” schools should not forfeit their precedence consideration completely until the “final” calendar is approved by the EC on August 15.
- h. Codifies that “swings” are two independent IQTs for purposes of TFA.

Date amendment would take effect: upon passage.

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