

Hosting an early season forensics tournament requires additional efforts and presents unique challenges each season that schools hosting later in the season do not face or deal with only to a lesser degree. A school that may register 5 entries for an early season tournament may register 20 for tournaments in March. As a result, hosts in the earliest part of the season often run tournaments at a financial loss, and they are grandfathered into these early season dates with very limited chance to ever leave the grandfathered weekend.

During this past unprecedented season, early season tournament hosts had the additional burden of establishing a new virtual competition format that preceding tournaments benefitted from.

The WFCAs tournament calendar is largely static season to season, which prevents early season hosts from hosting on more advantageous weekends later in the season, even after they have paid their metaphorical dues by hosting for years on less desirable weekends.

The first two proposals seek to provide early season hosts greater certainty in terms of expected participation levels for these more difficult weekends. The third proposal seeks to prioritize WFCAs member high schools' ability to host, thereby ensuring the most desirable weekends are available to WFCAs member schools. The fourth proposal seeks to recognize those schools that put in the extra effort to host during this unprecedented season.

Proposed amendments to sec. II. B. of the WFCAs Operating Bylaws

g. The WFCAs member school hosting a tournament on or prior to January 17 shall have exclusive hosting rights for the weekend. A tournament host grandfathered into a date on January 17 or earlier may waive their exclusivity rights.

h. WFCAs shall only approve no more than two tournaments for those hosting a tournament on a weekend between January 18 and 24, unless both grandfathered tournament hosts agree to waive their exclusivity rights.

i. Institutions or organizations other than WFCAs member high schools shall not have any priority or grandfathering rights to appear on the WFCAs calendar or offer a weekly invitational tournament unless all WFCAs member schools wishing to host a tournament in a season have been granted a date on the calendar prior to any consideration of hosting by a non-WFCAs member high school.

j. Those WFCAs member schools that did not host a tournament in 2021 shall have general grandfathering rights to host a tournament during the 2022 season, except they shall not have grandfathering rights to the weekend that parallels the weekend in which they opted not to host a tournament during the 2021 season.