

KSCA Virtual Speech & Drama Proposals to the Executive Board

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KSHSAA Staff supports the KSCA proposal for 2021 only.

Should the following be passed, applying ONLY to the Spring 2021 Speech/Drama season?

The surveyed items reflect feedback from 196 coaches representing all six classifications (29 6A / 20 5A / 33 4A / 33 3A / 35 2A / 46 1A).

- 1) Reduce the number of schools required for a qualifying tournament from 7 to 5.

Survey Support: 93% overall

6A 97% / 5A 90% / 4A 97% / 3A 88% / 2A 91% / 1A 96%

- 2) Adjust the state championship numbers as follows:

- a) 6 - 17 2 qualify
- b) 18 - 29 3 qualify
- c) 30 - 41 4 qualify
- d) 42 - 53 5 qualify
- e) 54 + 6 qualify

Survey Support: 95% overall

6A 100% / 5A 95% / 4A 91% / 3A 94% / 2A 91% / 1A 96%

Rationale: As tournaments move to a virtual format, many coaches have indicated they would prefer to keep their tournaments relatively small. It is also possible that student participation may be lower than usual this year due to the various circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to these concerns, it may be more equitable to lower the qualification standards for state championships for this season only. It seems unlikely that this will cause the state championship tournaments to grow substantially, but if they do, the virtual format ensures that there will not be issues related to building space availability in May.