

By Laws of the Georgia Forensic Coaches' Association

The Georgia Forensics Coaches Association recognizes that local schools, boards and/or governing bodies may place more stringent requirements as they deem appropriate. These rules establish the provisions governing student participation in forensics activities in Georgia.

BY-LAW 1.00 – STUDENT

1.10 Certification of Eligibility

1.11 Students gain eligibility to practice or compete for the school in which they are enrolled after they have been certified by the principal of that school, after the eligibility forms have been processed by the GFCA executive board, and after the students have met the standards of:

- (a) academic requirements
- (b) age
- (c) semesters in high school
- (d) residence in the school's service area
- (e) transfer rules

Note: Students establishing eligibility as entering 9th graders are automatically eligible for the first semester.

1.12 The certification of eligibility shall be maintained by individual coaches and must be presented immediately upon request to the Executive Committee and/or Tournament Director(s).

1.20 Enrollment and Team Membership

1.21 To be eligible to participate and/or try-out for a forensics activity, a student must be enrolled full time in grades 9-12 inclusive at the school seeking eligibility for that student.

(a) Enrollment is defined as follows:

(1) Fall Semester: when the student participates in practice or contest before classes begin, or the student attend classes.

(2) Spring Semester: when the student attends classes

(3) A student may be enrolled in only one (1) high school at a time.

(b) The student must be in regular attendance.

(c) All or part of the course load of a student may be taken online through a virtual school as long as the student's grades are being kept at the school in which the student is enrolled. Grades from virtual school courses must be on file at the school by the first day of the new semester in order for the student to be eligible.

1.22 Students enrolled in grade nine (9) in a middle school or junior high school which is a feeder school to the high school may participate in interscholastic activities for the parent school.

1.30 Age – To be eligible to participate in forensics activities, a student must not have reached her/his nineteenth (19th) birthday prior to May 1st, preceding her/his year of participation.

1.40 Limits of Participation

1.41 There is no physical examination requirement for participation in forensics activities. Schools may deem stricter physical health requirements for participation.

1.42 A student has eight (8) consecutive semesters or four (4) consecutive years of eligibility for varsity competition from the date of entry into the ninth (9th) grade to be eligible to compete.

(a) A student is not considered to have entered the 9th grade when a 9th grade course is taken if the student is regularly enrolled in a member's feeder school in a grade below the 9th, and the course is taken as an advanced course.

(b) Credits earned toward high school graduation which are taken below the ninth grade may be used when considering high school eligibility.

- 1.43 Sub-varsity competitors must meet all eligibility requirements with the exception of the migratory rule.
- 1.44 Students in grade nine (9) and higher may participate on both the varsity and sub-varsity teams in forensics activities.
- 1.45 Eighth (8th) grade students may participate on a sub-varsity team or a high school provided they attend a feeder school that of that high school.
- (a) Students in grade eight (8) are never eligible for a varsity event in any activity.
 - (b) Students in grade eight (8) who play on a team must meet all middle school requirements as put forth by the State Department of Education.
 - (c) Students in grade eight (8) who is declared ineligible at a middle school or retained for academic reasons is considered ineligible for participation on a sub-varsity high school team.
 - (d) Students in grade eight (8) participating on a sub-varsity team may only participate in a maximum of ten (10) in-state tournaments. Participation on a sub-varsity team in grade eight (8) does not use a semester of eligibility. Coaches are highly discouraged from having eighth (8th) grade students participating above the middle-school level.
 - (e) Students below the eighth (8th) grade are not eligible to participate on any high school team.
 - (f) Students in grade eight (8) may participate in the open division of a tournament event.
- 1.46 The number of in-state contests, and starting and ending dates can be found listed in a calendar published annually by the Executive Committee (see by-law 2.4).

1.50 Scholastic Standing/Scholarship

- 1.51 To be eligible to participate, practice, and/or try out in forensics, a student must be academically eligible. A student is required to pass classes that count toward graduation the semester immediately preceding participation. Exception: First semester ninth grade students.
- (a) Passing for all member schools is a grade of seventy (70) on a one-hundred (100) point scale.
 - (b) Students participating in junior varsity must meet all scholastic requirements.
 - (c) Students must be passing in seventy-five percent (75%) of their classes that count toward graduation the semester immediately preceding participation.
- 1.52 Students gain or lose eligibility on the first day of the subsequent semester.
- (a) Exception: Students who successfully complete summer school to maintain eligibility become eligible on the last day of summer school. Summer school credits earned in non-accredited home study programs or non-accredited private schools may not be used to gain eligibility. Accreditation is recognized from the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC) or a regional accreditation agency (i.e. SACS) or the Georgia Private School Accreditation Council (GAPSAC).
 - (b) A student enrolled in a joint-enrolled program between her/his parent school and a vocational-technical school, an alternative school, or a college, shall be eligible to represent the parent school in forensics activities provided s/he:
 - (1) is enrolled at the parent school and that school received state funds based on her/his enrollment. If in a private school, s/he must be a full tuition-paying student.
 - (2) must not participate in forensics activities in the vocational-technical school, alternative school, or college.

1.60 – School Service Areas/Transfer/Migrant Students/Migratory Waiver

- 1.61 School service areas for member public schools are those attendance boundaries established by local boards of education from which a school normally draws its students. The school service area for a member private school is the county in which the school is located.

1.62 A transfer student who has established eligibility at a former school in grades 9-12 shall be immediately eligible at the new school if

(a) The student moved simultaneously with the entire parental unit or persons s/he resided with at the former school, and the student and parent(s) or persons residing with the student live in the service area of the new school. This is known as a “bona fide move”.

(1) The student may choose the public or private school servicing that area.

(2) It must be apparent that the parent(s) or the persons residing with the student and the student have fully relinquished the residence in the former service area and have occupied a residence in the new service area.

(3) Relinquishment includes one or more of the following: selling the residence; having the residence listed with a real estate agent for sale at a fair market value; having a contract with a buyer; having a lease agreement at a fair market value; abandoning the house and shutting off unnecessary utilities. When a family claims multiple residences, the residence for which they apply for a homestead exemption will be declared the primary residence.

(4) The bona fide move is validated when the student’s family maintains the new residence for at least one calendar year. A return to the previous residence within that year renders the student to be a migrant student. All hardship appeal processes are available.

(b) The student was enrolled in a private school or magnet school and has a bona fide move from one public school service area to another public school service area. A student in this situation may attend either the public school or a private school servicing her/his area of residence.

(c) The student is involved in a foreign exchange program that is approved and published on the “Advisory List of International Educational Travel and Exchange Programs” published by the Council on Standards for International Educational Travel (CSIET). The student shall be considered eligible for a maximum period of one calendar year. The student may not be a graduate of a secondary school in her/his home country. The student must maintain eligibility requirements at the member school.

(d) The student has one of the following family-related situations that produce a waiver of the bona fide move rule:

(1) There is a Superior Court or Juvenile Court awarded change of permanent custody and the student moves to the residence of the parent receiving custody. The student must attend the member school servicing that area of residence. A copy of the court order must be shown to school officials to establish eligibility.

(2) There is a Superior Court or Juvenile Court final order awarding permanent joint custody to the parents and the student moves to a residence or her/his parent outside the service area of the previous school. The waiver may be made one time during a calendar year. A copy of the court order must be shown to school officials to establish eligibility.

(3) There is a death of a custodial parent and the student moves to live with the other natural parent in a new school service area. A copy of the death certificate must be shown to school officials to establish eligibility.

(4) There is a military transfer of one or both custodial parents that creates a change of residence that is not a bona fide move. A copy of the deployment order must be shown to school officials to establish eligibility.

(e) Students who are United States citizens returning from a foreign country shall be eligible as long as they meet all other requirements of eligibility.

(f) Students who are transferred from one school attendance area to another school attendance area by a mandate of the local board of education maintain their eligibility.

(g) Students who transfer because one or more of the parents/custodians have become employed with a new school district and that school district allows the student to attend the schools within the district even though residence remains in a different district.

1.63 A migrant student is a student who transfers into a school without a bona fide move or without one of the exceptions listed in by-law 1.62. The student may practice or compete at the sub-varsity level, but may not compete at the varsity level for one calendar year from the date of entry into the new school.

(a) All appeals for family and/or religious exceptions are to be handled by a committee set forth by the Executive Committee.

(b) All appeals must be submitted in writing.

(c) All appeals must be processed through the committee in a fair and timely manner to allow for maximum participation of student(s) in question.

1.64 A student who is not eligible at one school because of suspension or expulsion and then transfers to another member school cannot regain eligibility by such a transfer, for the length of the suspension or one (1) calendar year, whichever is less.

1.65 Hardship applications may be filed to attempt to establish eligibility in the following situations:

- (a) change in family marital or child custody status.
- (b) undue family financial hardship.
- (c) in-district academic pursuit.
- (d) religious exceptions.
- (e) All other appeals will be submitted to the Executive Committee for review.

1.66 When a new school opens, student eligibility shall be determined when a school mandates an attendance area for a new school for all grades at the new school and/or when a school district mandates some students to attend the new school, allows some to stay at the present school, and permits some students to transfer to the new school.

1.70 Recruiting/Undue Influence

1.71 Recruiting and Undue Influence is defined as the use of influence by any person connected directly or indirectly with a GFCFA member school to induce a student of any age to transfer from one school to another, or to enter the ninth (9th) grade at a member school for competition purposes, whether or not the school presently attended by the student is a member of the GFCFA. The use of undue influence to secure or retain a student shall lead to penalties assessed to either school and may cause the student to forfeit eligibility for one year from the date of enrollment.

(a) Evidence of undue influence includes, but is not limited to, personal contact by coaches and sponsors in an attempt to persuade transfer, gifts of money, jobs, supplies, clothing, free transportation, admission to contests, invitation to attend practices and/or competition, or free tuition.

(b) If coaches are found to be in violation of the recruiting rule, a copy of the investigation will be forwarded to the Professional Standards Commission of the Department of Education.

BY-LAW 2.00 – SCHOOL**2.10 Financial Obligations**

2.11 The amount of the dues for membership is set annually by the Executive Committee of the GFC A. Dues must be paid in accordance with the Georgia Forensics Coaches' Constitution.

(a) Dues must be paid ten (10) days prior to the first (1st) day of competition of the state tournament in order to be considered a GFC A member school in good standing.

2.12 If a member school initiates litigation against the association and the court rules in favor of the association, the school or school system shall be responsible for paying all court costs and attorneys' fees.

2.13 If the association conducts an investigation of a member school in reference to a possible violation of association rules and the member school is found to be in violation, the school shall be assessed the cost of the investigation in addition to any fines.

2.20 Eligibility Reports

2.21 Eligibility reports are required for all contestants in any GFC A activity once yearly. They are to be kept in record by schools unless requested by the Executive Committee and/or Tournament Director(s). If requested, the information in by-law 1.11 must be submitted immediately.

2.22 Schools are responsible for the verification of eligibility information prior to the approval of eligibility reports. If a school discovers that incorrect information has been submitted for eligibility, the Executive Committee must be contacted immediately.

2.23 If a student loses eligibility and regains it during the school year, a new eligibility report should be filed for that student.

2.24 To correct errors in an eligibility report, submit a new eligibility form which has "Corrected Copy" written on the top. Be sure to indicate the date of the original eligibility submission.

2.30 Qualifications to Coach

2.31 A forensics coach or sponsor must be a professional teacher meeting the teaching requirements and be employed by only one board of education or similar governing authority regardless of whether or not they are paid for their coaching. These coaches and/or sponsors must

(a) be employed for 20 or more hours per week on a regular basis in a professional, contracted position OR

(b) be assigned as a student intern in a practice teaching situation under the guidance of a college or university teacher training program OR

(c) be a certified teacher or administrator at a member school on medical leave governed by the "Family Medical Leave Act" and/or the "Georgia Teacher Maternity Leave of Absence" policy.

2.32 Member schools may employ persons who are not professionally certified teachers as a coach or sponsor in their forensics programs given the following:

(a) Licensed para-professionals and full-time substitute teachers must be officially approved by school administrative officials to be eligible to coach.

(b) May only coach for one board of education annually, regardless of whether they are paid for their services.

(c) Must be approved by the school principal in their role as a coach or sponsor of a forensics program at that school.

2.40 Interscholastic Contests and Practices

2.41 No meetings, practices, scrimmages, and/or competitions may occur prior to August 10th of each school year.

(a) Students may attend summer workshops and institutes between officially sanctioned season dates so long as they voluntarily attend and is not a requirement for participation.

(b) Student(s) may receive information about their teams prior to the start date, so long as a meeting, practice, scrimmage, and/or competition does not occur prior to August 10th of each school year.

2.42 Meetings, practices, scrimmages, and/or competitions must be completed no later than June 20th of each school year.

(a) Students may attend summer workshops and institutes between officially sanctioned season dates so long as they voluntarily attend and is not a requirement for participation.

(b) Student(s) may receive information about their teams after the end date, so long as a meeting, practice, scrimmage, and/or competition does not occur after June 20th of each school year.

2.43 No tournament may start competitions prior to 12:00pm if the host school has been in session on that day. If the host school is not in session or has a dismissal time earlier than usual for that day, competitions may begin earlier. Start times for each day of the competition must be noted on the application for tournaments.

2.44 Event competitions for preliminary rounds may not be scheduled for later than 9:00pm or begin later than 9:30pm.

2.45 Elimination and/or final rounds of competition for the state tournament may be postponed with the approval of at least three (3) members of the Executive Committee.

(a) For tournaments other than the state tournament, tournament directors are allowed to postpone the completion of competition rounds. Tournament directors are discouraged from postponing competitions except under dire circumstances and with the acceptance of all coaches of all competing members involved. A time and location should be set before adjourning the original competition. Tournament directors should alert the GFCA Secretary of such postponement for the purpose of state-qualification records.

2.46 In some cases a “bye” may be granted to the competitor(s). This counts in positive standing towards the competitor(s) record.

2.50 Tournament Approval

2.51 Tournaments other than Area or State elimination series must be approved (sanctioned) by the GFCA Secretary via application at least thirty (30) days in advance of the first day of competition of a tournament via email or mail. Schools will receive approval at least twenty (20) days in advance of the first day of competition of a tournament via email or mail.

(a) Competitions at different school locations hosted by different schools are permitted to be scheduled on the same date(s).

(b) Schools that conduct unsanctioned competitive events during the sanctioned event season shall be subjected to disciplinary action by the Executive Board. Penalties may include the following: monetary fine of up to \$200, disqualification from hosting future competitions, and/or loss of current qualification bids to the GFCA state tournament earned at that tournament.

(c) The GFCA is not required to sanction an out-of-state tournament or competitive forensic event.

(d) Bids to the state tournament may only be awarded at sanctioned tournaments and competitions.

(e) Schools are welcome to host scrimmages, but said scrimmages do not count towards eligibility for the state tournament.

2.52 Area or State elimination series tournaments must be approved (sanctioned) by the GFCA Executive Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the first day of competition.

2.53 Tournament Directors and/or Sponsors are required to send a copy of the full competitive results to the GFC A Secretary within ten (10) days following the last day of competition of the tournament. Failure to send results could result in a school losing its sanctioned event status in the following school year and/or loss of current qualification bids to the GFC A state tournament earned at that tournament.

2.60 Sportsmanship

2.61 GFC A member schools are required to conduct all relationships with other schools in a spirit of good sportsmanship.

2.62 It shall be the responsibility of a member school to use every means at its disposal to impress upon faculty, students, team members, coaches, and spectators the values of sportsmanship in preparation for the management of forensics contests.

2.63 It shall be the responsibility of the home or host school to take steps to insure the comfort and security of all students, coaches and spectators.

2.64 Coaches, administrators, or players are not to make comments to the media that are critical of officials and/or their decisions in competition. Penalties that could be imposed by the GFC A President include fines and/or suspensions.

2.70 Media and Filming Regulations

2.71 All forensic competitions may be recorded, filmed or otherwise electronically documents with the expressed written permission of the tournament director, coaches of involved participant(s) and the involved participant(s).

(a) Students may record only their speech(es), without expressed written permission. This does not include recording commentary or feedback about said speech(es).

2.72 Flash photography is prohibited at GFC A sanctioned competitive events during competition(s).

2.80 Regulations of Competitions

2.810 Cross Examination/Policy Debate

(a) Cross Examination/Policy Debate is defined as a two-person team event where students debate the yearly resolution chosen by the National Federation of High Schools (as published on nflonline.org). One team is affirmative, which proposes a plan supporting the yearly resolution. The opposing team is negative, which opposes the plan and/or upholds the status quo.

(b) The order and time limits of the speeches are as follows:

First Affirmative Constructive – 8 minutes

Cross-Examination of the First Affirmative – 3 minutes

First Negative Constructive – 8 minutes

Cross-Examination of the First Negative – 3 minutes

Second Affirmative Constructive – 8 minutes

Cross-Examination of the Second Affirmative – 3 minutes

Second Negative Constructive – 8 minutes

Cross-Examination of the Second Negative – 3 minutes

First Negative Rebuttal – 5 minutes

First Affirmative Rebuttal – 5 minutes

Second Negative Rebuttal – 5 minutes

Second Affirmative Rebuttal – 5 minutes

(c) Maximum allowed preparation time during debates for each team shall be determined by individual tournaments.

(d) Exceptions to the time limits are granted for middle-school competitions and shall be regulated by the Atlanta Urban Debate League.

(e) All first-year competitors (i.e. novice) will only be allowed to use the approved novice evidence packet in competitions.

(1) Novice students may not modify the plan texts.

(2) Novice students will be allowed to update arguments on their own so long as the content of the argument does not change. If any major argument becomes non-unique the GFC A will release a new argument to take its place.

(3) Novice students will be allowed to run topicality arguments, but not theory arguments or specification arguments.

(4) Novice students may rearrange the organization of evidence but may not add and/or change the content of the arguments in the packet. To clarify, this means students may find new evidence but not change the fundamental heart of the argument it is making.

(5) Novice students may not run a counterplan or a kritik.

(6) Enforcement of these rules is up to each tournament director. The GFC A recommends that each director clarify said enforcement/rules in a welcome packet and/or an opening assembly for the tournament. These rules exist to insure that new debates in both new and old programs become comfortable in the novice division and with the fundamentals of policy debate.

(7) Coaches are encouraged to move novice debaters into the Junior Varsity division once that student is interested in starting to research new positions and/or is ready to learn new forms of argumentation not included in the novice packet. Students in their first-year of competition are allowed to participate above the novice level of competition.

(8) A student who has competed in a different forensic activity but is in their first resolution of policy debate is considered a novice.

(f) A student is no longer eligible for competition in the first-year/novice division once they have reached competition in their second year resolution.

(g) There is only one winner in each debate. Judges determine the winner based on argumentation ability, speaking technique, case development, and evidence. Judges score competitors with speaker ranks and points. The team with the higher speaker point total wins the debate, unless indicated by the judge as a low-point win.

(h) Each debater is awarded a maximum of thirty (30) speaker points.

2.812 Legislative Debate

(a) Legislative Debate is defined as individual debate in a large group setting. Legislative debaters research and write pieces of Congressional legislation that they propose will better society.

(b) Debaters will speak on the legislation while using proper parliamentary procedure.

(c) Judges score each competitor based on argumentation ability, speaking technique, knowledge of parliamentary procedure and overall participation.

(d) The GFC A will follow all National Forensic League rules outlined in their league manual for Legislative Debate. This is also available at www.congressionaldebate.org.

2.813 Lincoln Douglas Debate

(a) Lincoln Douglas Debate is defined as individual debate focused on proposition of a value which concerns itself with what ought to be rather than what is. The debate topic changes on a bimonthly basis as determined by the National Forensic League, available at www.nflonline.org.

(b) The order and time limits of the speeches are as follows:

Affirmative Constructive – 6 minutes

Negative Cross-Examines Affirmative – 3 minutes

Negative Constructive – 7 minutes

Affirmative Cross-Examines Negative – 3 minutes

Affirmative Rebuttal – 4 minutes

Negative Rebuttal – 6 minutes

Affirmative Rebuttal – 3 minutes

(c) Maximum allowed preparation time during debates for each competitor is set for four (4) minutes.

(d) A student is no longer eligible for competition in the first-year/novice division once they have reached competition in their second year resolution.

(e) There is only one winner in each debate. Judges determine the winner based on argumentation ability, speaking technique, case development, and evidence.

2.814 Public Forum Debate

(a) Public Forum Debate is defined as a two-person team event where students debate a monthly topic designated by the National Forensic League focusing on advocacy of a position derived from the issues presented in the resolution, not a prescribed set of burdens.

(b) Prior to every round, and in the presence of the judge(s), a coin is tossed by one team and called by the other. The team that wins the coin flip may choose one of the options: either the side of the topic they wish to debate or the speaking order position they wish to have in the debate. The remaining option is given to the team who does not win the coin flip.

(c) Once sides and speaking positions have been decided the order and time limits of the speeches are as follows:

Team A First Speaker – 4 minutes

Team B First Speaker – 4 minutes

Crossfire (First question presented by Team A First Speaker) – 3 minutes

Team A Second Speaker – 4 minutes

Team B Second Speaker – 4 minutes

Crossfire (First question presented by Team A Second Speaker) – 3 minutes

Team A First Speaker Summary – 2 minutes

Team B First Speaker Summary – 2 minutes

Grand Crossfire – 3 minutes

Team A Second Speaker Final Focus – 2 minutes

Team B Second Speaker Final Focus – 2 minutes

(d) Maximum allowed preparation time during debates for each team is set for two (2) minutes.

(e) The GFCA will follow all National Forensic League rules as laid out in their league manual for Public Forum Debate.

(f) There is only one winner in each debate. Judges score competitors on argumentation ability, speaking technique, case development, and reasonableness of position. The GFCA recommends the usage of community judges for this event.

2.821 Extemporaneous Commentary

(a) Extemporaneous Commentary is defined as an individual event where an original synthesis of the speaker is presented with current fact and opinion on a designated current event topic, usually presented in conjunction with numerous sources.

(b) The current event topic shall be phrased in a question format. Topics shall be from current events discussed in standard periodicals of the current school year.

(c) Thirty minutes before the contest is to begin, the first speaker shall draw three (3) topics, choose one (1), and return the other two (2). The other contestants shall draw in like manner, in their speaking order, at seven (7) minute intervals. Topics should not be repeated from one round to another to prevent a speaker from drawing a topic previously selected.

(d) After the contestant has chosen a topic, she/he shall withdraw to the preparation area and plan her/his speech without conferring or exchanging information with anyone. No prepared notes or outlines will be allowed in the preparation room. Contestants may refer to files containing books, book excerpts, periodicals, online retrievals from mass media publications, and/or photocopies of any of the above. Information retrieved from internet websites must include the URL citation. Once a contestant has chosen a topic, s/he may neither change from, nor alter that topic. No visual aids may be used in the delivery of the speech. Violation shall result in ranking down in the round in which the violation occurred.

(e) The time limit is seven (7) minutes maximum with a thirty (30) second grace period.

(f) At the State Tournament, the final round will include a cross-examination period, as described below. Though not mandatory, Invitational Qualifying Tournaments are urged to use the cross-examination format in the final round.

(1) Cross-Examination Procedure: Each speaker shall be assigned a position in the speaking order. Drawing shall take place at twelve (12) minute intervals. Thirty (30) minutes after Speaker 1 has drawn, Speaker last shall enter the contest room. Speaker 1 shall give her/his speech and Speaker last shall take notes and/or listen. At the conclusion of Speaker 1's speech, Speaker last shall cross-examine Speaker 1 for a time period not to exceed three (3) minutes. The cross-examination will be an open format. Speaker last shall return to the prep room and Speaker 1 shall stay to listen to and question Speaker 2. Speaker 2 will question Speaker 3, etc. until the all speakers have spoken and questioned.

2.822 Original Oratory

(a) Oratory is defined as an individual event where the student writes, memorizes, and then delivers a persuasive speech arising from her/his personal feelings, convictions, or a source of irritation about some problem.

(b) Topics for the original oration may be selected by the student and with the aid of the coach or teacher, but the oration itself must be the product of the contestant alone and not her/his coach or teacher. The oration may simply alert the audience to a threatening danger, strengthen its devotion to an accepted cause, or eulogize a person.

(c) Visual aids are not permitted in this event.

(d) The contestant may not use an oration which s/he used in any GFC A contest prior to the current school year. The same oration shall be used for the duration of the tournament.

(d) Not more than one-hundred-and-fifty (150) words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing, and such quotations shall be identified in the written copy of the speech. Extensive paraphrasing of any source is prohibited. Violation shall result in disqualification from the tournament.

(e) A written copy of the oration must be available to the tournament director upon request. Failure to present a written copy of the oration upon request will result in the ranking-down of said contestant in one (1) round.

(f) The time limit is ten (10) minutes maximum with a thirty (30) second grace period.

2.823 Dramatic Performance

(a) The Dramatic Interpretation contest is defined as an individual event where the student writes, memorizes and then delivers a dramatic speech arising from dramatic literature suitable to the contestant's personality and maturity to convey orally the meaning of that dramatic literature through characterization and narration.

(b) Selections used in Dramatic shall be cuttings from a single source from published printed novels, short stories, plays, poems, or screenplays. Coaches and/or student must have the original source available to the tournament director upon request. Photocopies are accepted for presentation. Failure to present a printed copy of the source upon request will result in the disqualification of said contestant in one (1) round.

(c) Presentation shall be from memory and without the use of physical objects or costumes; this includes the floor if used as a prop. Students should avoid movement in the presentation that would distract from the literature itself. Violation will result in the ranking-down of said contestant in that round.

(d) The contestant may not use a cutting from the same source which s/he used in any GFC A contest prior to the current school year or during the current school year in another forensic event. The same selection shall be used for the duration of the tournament, but may not be used for another event at the same tournament. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

(e) The contestant shall name the author and the title of the selection being presented during her/his performance. Failure to name said citation will result in the ranking-down of said contestant in that round.

(f) The time limit is ten (10) minutes with a thirty (30) second grace period.

2.824 Humorous Interpretation

(a) The Humorous Interpretation contest is defined as an individual event where the student writes, memorizes and then delivers a humorous speech arising from literature suitable to the contestant's personality and maturity to convey orally the humor of that literature through characterization and narration.

(b) Selections used in Humorous shall be cuttings from a single source from published printed novels, short stories, plays, poems, or screenplays. Coaches and/or student must have the original source available to the tournament director upon request. Photocopies are accepted for presentation. Failure to present a printed copy of the source upon request will result in the disqualification of said contestant in one (1) round.

(c) Presentation shall be from memory and without the use of physical objects or costumes; this includes the floor if used as a prop. Students should avoid movement in the presentation that would distract from the literature itself. Violation will result in the ranking-down of said contestant in that round.

(d) The contestant may not use a cutting from the same source which s/he used in any GFC A contest prior to the current school year or during the current school year in another forensic event. The same selection shall be used for the duration of the tournament, but may not be used for another event at the same tournament. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

(e) The contestant shall name the author and the title of the selection being presented during her/his performance. Failure to name said citation will result in the ranking-down of said contestant in that round.

(f) The time limit is ten (10) minutes with a thirty (30) second grace period.

2.825 Duo Interpretation

(a) The Duo Interpretation contest is defined as a two-person event where the students write, memorize and deliver a speech arising from literature suitable to the contestants' personality and maturity to convey orally the dramatic meaning or humor of that literature through dual characterization and narration.

(b) Selections in Duo shall be cuttings from a single source from published printed novels, short stories, plays, poems, or screenplays. Coaches and/or students must have the original source available to the tournament director upon request. Photocopies are accepted for presentation. Failure to present a printed copy of the source upon request will result in the disqualification of said contestants in one (1) round.

(c) The selection may be serious or humorous work.

(d) Focus from contestant(s) may be direct during the introduction. Contestants may look at each other during the event, but must be indirect (off-stage) during the performance itself.

(e) Each contestant may play one (1) or more characters, as long as performance responsibility in the cutting remains as balanced as possible. If the selection is prose or poetry and contains narration, either or both of the contestants may present the narration.

(f) The contestant may not use a cutting from the same source which s/he used in any GFC A contest prior to the current school year or during the current school year in another forensic event. The same selection shall be used for the duration of the tournament, but may not be used for another event at the same tournament. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

(g) Cuttings should maintain the author's intent. For the purpose of continuity of the cutting from a large piece of literature, it may be necessary for transitions to be added to the cutting. However, at no time may the cutting change gender of any character or change the original intent of the author's work.

(h) A student shall compete with the same partner and same selection at a given tournament.

(i) The time limit is ten (10) minutes with a thirty (30) second grace period.

2.826 Impromptu Speaking

(a) Impromptu Speaking is defined as an individual event where an original synthesis of the speaker is presented with current fact and opinion on a designated topic of general knowledge. This speech is usually presented as an informative speech with possible evidence of personal or educational experience, regional and national common knowledge, and/or generally accepted information from sources of broadcast news or programming, internet or other published media.

(b) The topic may be phrases as a question, event, literary phrase, philosophical or metaphorical word or statement, abstract word or idea, or other statement that could generate several supported points of developed speech. Topics shall not be from specific current events that would require prior research or study, but rather from appropriate age-level general knowledge.

(c) The first speaker shall draw three (3) topics, chose one (1), and return the other two (2). The other contestants shall draw in a like manner, in their speaking order, at seven (7) minute intervals or as soon as the previous speaker has finished (with a slight delay in order for the judge to finish writing each ballot). Topics shall not be repeated from one (1) round to another to prevent a speaker from drawing on a topic previously selected.

(d) After the contestant has chosen a topic s/he shall quickly plan her/his speech without conferring or exchanging information with anyone. No prepared notes or outlines may be used in the speaking time, although the student may use a note card or paper to develop her/his thoughts. Contestants may not refer to files containing books, book excerpts, periodicals, online retrievals from mass media publications, and/or other published media and/or photocopies of any of the referenced sources. Once a contestant has chosen a topic s/he may neither change nor alter that topic. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in the ranking-down of said contestant in that round.

(e) No visual aids may be used in the delivery of the speech.

(f) The time limit is seven (7) minutes maximum with a thirty (30) second grace period inclusive of preparation and speaking time. Students may take as much preparation time as desire of the time limit, but may be ranked lower for extensive use of planning rather than speaking.

2.827 Prose and Poetry Interpretation

(a) The Prose and Poetry Interpretation is defined as an individual event where the speaker selects and condenses worthy mixed genre literature suitable to the contestant's personality and maturity to convey orally the meaning of that literature through interpreted narration and poetry.

(b) Selected used in Prose and Poetry may be cuttings from a single source from published printed novels, short stories, plays, poems or screenplays. Selections may also be a program of several selections developing a specific theme, each with enough specific introductory material to inform the listener of title and author as well as how it relates to the theme of the program. Coaches and/or students must have the original source available to the tournament director upon request. Photocopies are accepted for presentation. Failure to present a printed copy of the source upon request will result in the disqualification of said contestants in one (1) round.

(c) Presentations may be from memory, but students must use a manuscript giving the impression that they refer to it throughout the presentation. Students may not use any physical objects other than the manuscript cover; this includes touching the floor in any way as a prop.

(d) Students should avoid heavy movements or any kind of gymnastics in the presentation that would distract from the literature itself.

(e) Students may not be dressed or costumed in any way that intentionally reflects character, intent, or theme of the presentation. Violation of the rule shall result in the ranking-down of the contestant in said round.

(f) The prose and poetry events will alternate rounds with an equal number of presentations in preliminary rounds, with prose as first (1st) and third (3rd) rounds, and poetry as second (2nd) and fourth (4th) rounds. Additional rounds will continue in this alternating pattern, maintain an equal number of each presentation. Elimination rounds will also alternate starting with the program that would naturally follow the last preliminary round to the final round.

(g) The contestant may not use a cutting from the same source which s/he used in any GFC A contest prior to the current school year or during the current school year in another forensic event. The same selection shall be used for the duration of the tournament, but may not be used for another event at the same tournament. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

(h) The contestant shall name the author and the title of the selection being presented, and briefly discuss any theme that is being developed during her/his performance. Failure to abide by this rule shall result in the ranking-down of said contestant in that round.

(i) The time limit is five (5) minutes minimum without penalty to points and/or rank and ten (10) minutes maximum with a thirty (30) second grace period.

2.90 Ballots

2.91 The GFC A encourages all tournament directors to use the standardized GFC A ballots for each event as published on the GFC A website.

2.92 Ballots must be collected for each round of each competition for every competitor as the official note of point and winner/loser records.

2.93 Ballots are to be kept private during competitions by the tabulation coordinator. Ballots may be distributed to competitors at the end of preliminary competition for the tournament.

(a) Tabulation coordinators may permit coaches to have open access to the ballots on an individual basis. If the ballots are open for view during preliminary competition, they must be open to all coaches with participants in the tournament.

2.94 A results summary of each event at any sanctioned tournament must be completed and forwarded to the GFC A Secretary within ten (10) days following the tournament. (See by-law 2.53.)

BY-LAW 3.00 – AREAS

3.10 Area Authority

3.11 Each area's physical boundaries shall be determined by a committee put forth by the Executive Committee every two years.

3.12 Each area, through its Area Coordinator, shall be responsible for certifying the winners in all events for qualification to the state tournament.

3.20 Area Qualification Tournaments

3.21 All events hosted at the GFCA state tournament will be offered for qualification at an area tournament.

(a) In order to count towards qualification for the GFCA Varsity State Tournament, all competitions must take place prior to February 1st of each school year.

3.22 Area tournament dates will be determined by the GFCA Executive Committee as published on the officially released calendar.

(a) The Executive Committee will work with Area Coordinators to determine dates and locations for area tournaments.

(b) Area tournaments may not begin prior to February 1st of each school year and must be completed ten (10) days prior to the first day of competition for the GFCA Varsity State Tournament.

3.23 Schools may not enter competitors that are eligible to advance to the GFCA State Tournament

(a) Students may only be entered in events in which they have previously competed in at a minimum of two (2) GFCA sanctioned tournaments prior to the area tournament.

(b) Students may double enter in any speech event in which they meet the above requirement.

(c) Students may not double enter in any debate event.

(d) Students may not enter the area tournament if they have previously qualified to advance to the GFCA State Tournament in that event.

(e) If a school has already qualified four (4) or more entries in any event, they will not be allowed to send entries in that event to the area tournament.

(g) Participation in the area tournament cannot result in more than four (4) total entries qualified to the state tournament in that event for that school.

3.24 State qualifying bids will be given by the Area Coordinator in conjunction with the Executive Committee in accordance with the qualification rules in by-law 4.00.

(a) In two-person events bids are assigned to individuals, not pairs.

3.25 The number of awards distributed for each event will be determined by the Area Coordinator at the direction of the GFCA Executive Committee.

3.26 There is no hardship appeal process for the area tournament.

3.30 Area Qualification Event Competitions

3.31 No speaker shall be interrupted during the main speech or rebuttal in any event during competition.

3.32 Coaches may not coach or interact with any competitor, whether or not the student is from the coach's school that is involved in a round in process. This includes any electronic communication, direct contact while competitor is in preparation (such as extemporaneous speaking prep time or debate round prep time), prompting or any hand or body signaling during a round.

- 3.33 Each qualifying school will be required to bring one (1) judge per four (4) competitors or two (2) teams (or part thereof).
- 3.34 Each event will follow the official GFCA event rules as outlined in the GFCA by-laws.
- 3.35 Each event will at minimum award a champion and a runner-up.

BY-LAW 4.00 – STATE**4.10 State Tournament Logistics**

4.11 The GFCFA shall determine the forensics activities in which a state tournament are to be held annually.

(a) The qualification procedures are only in effect for the varsity and/or open divisions of each event.

4.12 The location and date of the state tournament shall be decided by the GFCFA Executive Committee no later than October fifteenth (15th) of each school year.

4.13 The State Tournament may not begin preliminary competition rounds later than 9:00pm.

4.20 State Tournament Qualification

4.21 Qualification to the state tournament can be achieved through one or more of the following:

(a) A bid to the state tournament awarded at a sanctioned area tournament OR

(b) A bid to the state tournament awarded to the finalists in a single event as follows

(1) twelve (12) or more entries, the top four (4) competitors.

(2) eight (8) to eleven (11) entries, the top two (2) competitors.

(3) four (4) to seven (7) entries, the top one (1) competitor.

(4) If the event has three (3) or fewer entries, no competitors from the event will qualify to the GFCFA State Tournament.

(5) If an entry already has a bid to the state tournament and meets the qualifications a second time, the bid does not filter down to the next un-qualified entry. All qualifications stay strictly by seeding, or elimination rounds where those take place.

(c) In by-law 4.21b competitors for two-person events count each pair as one competitor.

(d) If the tournament holds elimination rounds, the elimination rounds take precedence over preliminary seeding.

(e) Student(s) must be from a GFCFA member school in good standing in order to receive a qualification bid.

(1) Qualifiers in two-person events must attend the same school.

(2) Non-Georgia participants may not qualify for the GFCFA state tournament.

(f) Schools cannot receive a qualifier from their own invitational tournaments. Area tournaments shall not be considered an invitational.

(g) Each GFCFA member school in good standing will be given one (1) at-large entry to the state tournament. This at-large entry may only be used for an event in which it is the sole entry for that school in that event at the state tournament. The at-large entry must have met the minimum number of required tournaments in that event prior to the state tournament.

4.22 Student(s) may only enter an event in which they have qualified for the state tournament.

(a) Member schools may only qualify a maximum of four (4) entries through the regular season process.

(b) If schools qualify more than four (4) entries through the regular season process, they will not be allowed to send entries in that event to the area tournament.

(c) In two-person events, bids are assigned to individuals, not pairs.

4.21 Entered students who have not met the qualification requirements will not be allowed to participate in the state tournament.

4.23 Double entering

(a) A student may only double enter in a speech event if they are qualified in both events to the state tournament.

(b) Students may not double enter in a debate event.

(1) If a student has qualified in more than one (1) debate event, the student must chose just one (1) in which they will participate for purposes of determining a state champion.

4.24 The GFCA state tournament will use the January/February topic in the Lincoln Douglas debate event and the February topic in the Public Forum debate event.

4.25 All participants at the state tournament must have participated in two (2) in-state invitational tournaments in that event for that school year prior to the state tournament.

(a) Schools will not be able to use their own invitational tournament as one (1) of their two (2) required in-state invitational tournaments.

(b) Schools will not be able to use the area tournament as one (1) of their two (2) required in-state invitational tournaments.

(c) Participation may take place at any level of high school competition to qualify.

(d) For Atlanta Urban Debate League schools at least one (1) of their required participatory tournaments must be a non-Urban Debate League tournament.

(e) Students must be at least in the ninth (9th) grade or above to participate in the Varsity State Tournament.

4.26 Any hardship appeals must be made in writing to the GFCA Executive Committee at least ten (10) days prior to the first day of competition of the state tournament.

(a) The hardship process will be applied for two-person events only.

(b) Member schools will be permitted one hardship process per event.

(c) The hardship process can only replace one (1) person in the two-person entry.

(d) The hardship student(s) must have met the minimum number of required tournaments in that event.

4.30 State Tournament Event Competitions

4.31 No speaker shall be interrupted during the main speech or rebuttal in any event during competition.

4.32 Coaches may not coach or interact with any competitor, whether or not the student is from the coach's school that is involved in a round in process. This includes any electronic communication, direct contact while competitor is in preparation (such as extemporaneous speaking prep time or debate round prep time), prompting or any hand or body signaling during a round.

4.33 Any school entering the state tournament and dropping out without giving notice to the GFCA Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the first (1st) day of competition will be guilty of an eligibility violation, punishable by fine or other penalties as directed by the GFCA Executive Committee.

(a) All entries will be financially responsible for their entry fee as of ten (10) days prior to the first (1st) day of competition.

4.34 Each qualifying school will be required to bring one (1) judge per four (4) competitors or two (2) teams (or part thereof).

4.35 Each event will follow the GFCA event rules as outlined in the GFCA by-laws.

4.36 Each event will at minimum award a champion and a runner-up.

BY-LAW 5.00 – ORGANIZATION

5.10 Commitment to Gender Equity

5.11 The GFC A is committed to gender equity for its members.

5.12 Written complaints about gender discrimination should be made by letter or written communication to the Executive Committee. Each report shall cover the time period in which events happened. The association will not include any requests, inquiries or complaints in the association's meeting notes unless permission is granted in writing by the complainer.

5.20 Open Meeting / Open Records

5.21 The GFC A shall comply with federal and state laws relating to the inspection of public records and/or open and public meetings with the exception that a record involves the sole subject of academic records or performance of an individual student or eligibility of a student to participate in a sponsored event.

5.22 Meeting minutes from the annual Fall and Sprint meetings will be published by the Executive Committee Secretary for all members in accordance with the GFC A constitution.

5.30 Codes of Conduct

5.31 Ethics Rule: Acts of unacceptable conduct, such as, but not limited to, disruption of school, theft, vandalism, disrespect, immorality or violations of the law tarnish the reputation of everyone associated with the GFC A and will not be tolerated. Due to the serious nature of violations of the Ethics Rule, the appropriate coach, athletic director and/or principal shall establish procedures to determine the penalty according to the degree of infraction. Students are responsible for off-season and out-of-school behavior.

5.32 Research continues to emphasize that the use of tobacco is physically harmful to young adults. The harm done by this is not only a health problem and affects everyone on a team.

(a) There is to be no use of tobacco while the officially sanctioned season is in session.

(b) Use of tobacco is expressly prohibited at all GFC A sanctioned events.

(c) Schools who wish to prohibit the use of tobacco on their properties stand in good faith with the GFC A.

5.33 There is no way to justify competitors' use of alcoholic beverages.

(a) There is to be no use of alcoholic beverages while the officially sanctioned season is in session.

(b) Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited at all GFC A sanctioned events and event sites.

5.34 The use of illegal and/or illicit drugs or mood altering substances will not be tolerated.

(a) There is to be no use of illegal and/or illicit drugs or mood altering substances while the officially sanctioned season is in session.

(b) Possession or consumption of illegal and/or illicit drugs or mood altering substances is prohibited at all GFC A sanctioned events and event sites.

5.35 Punishments for violating the ethics, drug and/or alcohol policies are as follows:

(a) First Violation: After confirmation of the first violation, the student will lose a minimum of 20% or up to a maximum of 100% of her/his immediately remaining in-state competitions/events. The penalty is at the discretion of the local school and coach. The student may be prohibited from ever representing her/his school in a forensics activity at any time in the future.

(b) Second Violations: After confirmation of the second violation, the student will lose 100% of her/his remaining season schedule. The student may be prohibited from every representing her/his school in a forensics activity at any time in the future.

(c) Coaches may establish further rules with the approval of their Athletic or Activity Directors and/or Coordinators for their respective schools. Coaches may also address unique situations and issue consequences in accordance with the circumstances involving a student and her/his membership on the team.

(d) It is not a violation for a student to be in possession of a controlled substance specifically prescribed for the student's personal use by her/his doctor.

(e) Student possession of controlled substances under parent supervision for religious purposes will not be considered a violation of this policy.

5.40 Elections

5.41 Elections will be held on an annual basis after the annual spring meeting for the association.

5.42 Each election will be directed by two (2) Election Directors appointed by the Executive Committee each year. The Election Directors are not allowed to be considered for nomination or appointment to a primary or secondary office position for the GFCFA.

5.43 The nomination process will begin the day of the annual spring meeting for the association and will be open for seven (7) days. All nominations are to be submitted and seconded to both Election Directors via email. All presented and seconded nominations are recorded by the Election Directors for balloting.

(a) Nominees must be at least twenty-two (22) years of age at the time of the conclusion of the nomination period.

(b) Nominees must qualify under the guidelines of the GFCFA constitution (section 2.30) including the following regulations: be a resident of the state of Georgia, be officially in a sponsoring or coaching position with a Georgia high school forensics program, and be in good standing with the association.

5.44 Ballots will be sent to the membership via email within five (5) days of the close of the nomination period.

(a) One ballot per member school will be accepted by the Election Directors.

(b) All ballots will be kept secret by the Election Directors.

(c) Member schools will have seven (7) days from the distribution of ballots to submit their votes. Any votes received after seven (7) days from distribution will not be counted in the election.

(d) Member schools may vote for members representing their school for office.

(e) The Election Directors must announce to the membership via email the election results within ten (10) days of the distribution of ballots to the members. The current Executive Secretary shall post the results to the association website.

5.45 Each officer shall serve their term in accordance with the GFCFA constitution beginning July 1st of each school year.

5.46 Voting members are defined by the following standards:

(a) One (1) vote per current member school, regardless of the number of coaches associated with said member school.

(b) Member school must be in good standing with the GFCFA. Good-standing is defined by the following:

(1) membership dues are current and paid AND

(2) has no outstanding fees or fines against the member school or any of its associated coaches AND

(3) has no currently unresolved disciplinary action against the member school AND

(4) has not been prohibited a vote due to disciplinary decisions from the Executive Committee

5.47 Special elections

5.50 Liaisons

5.51 The Middle School Debate Liaison works jointly with the Atlanta Urban Debate League, the Middle School Debate League and the Georgia Forensic Coaches' Association.

(a) During the election process, the GFCA membership will nominate a representative who is a member school of both the AUDL/MSDL and the GFCA. The liaison will serve a one-year term as a tertiary executive member.

(b) The liaison will not have a vote for executive board matters, but will be granted access to the agenda.

(c) The liaison is to foster commitment to forensic activities between middle school and high school programs in Georgia. The liaison will advocate for middle school forensic issues that might fall under GFCA governance.

5.52 The Urban Debate League Liaison works jointly with the Atlanta Urban Debate League and the Georgia Forensic Coaches' Association.

(a) During the election process, the GFCA membership will nominate a representative who is a member school of both the AUDL and the GFCA. The liaison will serve a one-year term as a tertiary executive member.

(b) The liaison will not have a vote for executive board matters, but will be granted access to the agenda.

(c) The liaison is to foster community between the AUDL and GFCA and advocate for AUDL issues that might fall under GFCA governance.

5.53 The Georgia Independent School Association (GISA) Liaison works jointly with Georgia Independent School Association and the Georgia Forensic Coaches' Association.

(a) During the election process, the GFCA membership will nominate a representative who is a member school of both the GISA and the GFCA. The liaison will serve a one-year term as a tertiary executive member.

(b) The liaison will not have a vote for executive board matters, but will be granted access to the agenda.

(c) The liaison is to foster community between the GISA and GFCA and advocate for GISA issues that might fall under GFCA governance.

5.54 The Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Liaison works jointly with Georgia High School Association and the Georgia Forensic Coaches' Association.

(a) During the election process, the GFCA membership will nominate a representative who is a member school of both the GHSA and the GFCA. The liaison will serve a one-year term as a tertiary executive member.

(b) The liaison will not have a vote for executive board matters, but will be granted access to the agenda.

(c) The liaison is to foster community between the GHSA and GFCA and advocate for GHSA issues that might fall under GFCA governance.

5.60 Honors and Awards

5.61 The GFCA awards two (2) coaching honors each year to active forensic coaches.

(a) One will be dedicated to a coach of debate events (Legislative, Lincoln-Douglas, Policy and Public Forum).

(b) One will be dedicated to a coach of speech events (Dramatic Interpretation, Dramatic Duo Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Interpretation, and Original Oratory).

(c) The honors will be presented by the Executive President at the GFCA State Tournament during the awards ceremony.

(d) Recipients of the honors will be selected by...

(e) Recipients are then selected based on the following criteria:

(1) The candidate is in good standing with the GFCA.

(2) The candidate demonstrates enthusiasm for forensic activities.

(3) The candidate has a high regard and respect for the students s/he works with.

(4) The candidate has a high regard and respect for fellow coaches.

(5) The candidate works towards the improvement of the GFCA and forensic activities in Georgia.

(6) The candidate promotes interest in interscholastic forensic activities through the strength of her/his program.

(7) The candidate has acquired the respect of the students s/he works with as well as other students in the community.

5.62 The GFCA holds a Hall of Fame for forensic coaches in Georgia.

(a) The award will be presented by the President at the GFCA State Tournament.

(b) Recipients of the honors will be selected by...

(c) Recipients are then selected based on the following criteria, but not limited to:

- (1) The candidate is in good standing with the GFCFA.
- (2) The candidate demonstrates enthusiasm for forensic activities.
- (3) The candidate has a high regard and respect for the students s/he works with.
- (4) The candidate has a high regard and respect for fellow coaches.
- (5) The candidate works towards the improvement of the GFCFA and forensic activities in Georgia.
- (6) The candidate promotes interest in interscholastic forensic activities through the strength of her/his

program.

(7) The candidate has acquired the respect of the students s/he works with as well as other students in the community.

(8) The candidate has worked to foster the growth of forensic activities in Georgia.

(9) The candidate has promoted speech and debate outside of the forensic community in Georgia as an effective educational and communicative tool.

(10) The candidate has been retired from official coaching positions for at least two (2) years.

5.70 Abolishment and Amendment

5.71 The GFCFA Constitution may be abolished with affirmative vote of at least seventy-five (75%) percent of voting members of its association.

5.72 All amendments to the GFCFA Constitution may be made with the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of its association. All approved amendments are to be attached to Article V of the GFCFA Constitution for written record.

5.73 In the instance that the GFCFA Constitution has been abolished, all GFCFA By-Laws are rendered null and void.

5.74 All amendments to the GFCFA By-Laws may be made with the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members of its association.

APPENDIX A:

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