

## Proposal for the Realignment of Arizona Divisions

ASDCA Proposal

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Proposal: We propose the realignment of the two Arizona Speech & Debate divisions

Division I and II based on the AIA conference alignments as stated on the website.

<https://aiaonline.org/alignments>.

### Objective:

- Realignment of the current two divisions back to what is stated in the current bylaws <https://aiaonline.org/files/15513/article-38-speech-debate.pdf>

### Clauses:

- The AIA sets the conference alignments every odd numbered year and is followed by all AIA sanctioned sports and activities.
  - Teams will confirm their division at the fall conference
  - Links to the AIA division alignments will be posted on the Arizona Speech and Debate website and the Trophy and State Tabroom pages
- Divisions will be set as follows
  - Schools listed as 6A and 5A will be Division I
  - School listed as 4A, 3A, 2A or 1A will be Division II
- The AIA process for appeals will be followed by schools that wish to appeal the AIA division and will be submitted to the Speech and Debate association board before the fall board meeting.
  - All appeals will be considered carefully to maintain a balance between the

2 divisions in regards to program size and judging obligations of both overall tournaments.

[https://aiaonline.org/files/91/form-81-conference-placement-appeal-form.p  
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- This will take effect for the 23-24 school year

## Proposal for Combined Competition of Arizona Divisions

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### Proposal A

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Proposal: We propose the two divisions compete in one unified tournament for Winter Trophy and the AIA State Tournament. The only separate division category will be the Team Sweepstakes award. All individual events will not differentiate between divisions. Due to AIA bylaws, this will take effect for the 2024-25 season.

#### Clauses:

1. Winter Trophy Scholarship: \$250 for varsity debate and speech winners, \$100 for Novice competitors
2. Teams must confirm their division at the ASDCA Fall Coaches Conference for that competitive season.
  - a. If no confirmation is made, programs will remain in the division they were designated the previous season.
  - b. New programs will be placed in the division based on the standard division designation of school size.

#### New Awards for Winter Trophy

- Top-3 Small Schools
  - 20 or less total entries
  - Standard Sweepstake method
  - Can be from either division
- Top Up & Coming School
  - Standard Sweepstake method
  - A program in its first two years of competition, any district tournament delegation counts as a year of competition

- A school may win this back-to-back
- A school may be eligible again if it does not compete for two consecutive years

#### Poetry/Prose Proposal - Leonardi

The ASDCA will revise the AZ rules for Prose and Poetry to match the NSDA supplemental event rules. Specifically, each event will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes with a 30-second grace period. The reasoning behind this is that we currently do not offer any 5-minute interpretation events in AZ, and by revising the time limit that lowers the barrier for entry to students that want to try interpretation events. Additionally, aligning with the NSDA rules will also help AZ students more effectively refine pieces that they may wish to use at Nationals.