Speech – Citations on Visual Aids

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Indicate the category of the proposed recommendation
State Tournament Recommendations regarding Format and Non-NFHS Rules or NFHS Experiments

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Activity/Activities (Check all that apply)
Speech

Current Rule/Policy
State the rule/policy as it appears in the current MSHSL Handbook or Activity/Sport Specific Rules and Policies.
All materials quoted, paraphrased, or summarized from other sources (including visuals) must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or in a works cited listing or both) and orally and/or visually during the presentation.

Proposed Recommendation
Submit your proposed change to the above-stated rule/policy.
All materials quoted, paraphrased, or summarized from other sources must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or in a works cited listing or both) and orally. Visual aid source material must be documented in the submitted script (within the text or in a works cited listing or both) but does not need to be cited orally and/or visually during the presentation.

Include any other policies that are impacted by this proposal.
None.

Rationale
What is the history of the proposal?
Speech Advisory met at MSHSL on May 10 to review rule change proposals from coaches. This proposal, submitted by Zach Prax of Eastview High School, was discussed at length and is supported unanimously by the committee.

How does your proposal benefit education-based opportunities and MSHSL Mission and Beliefs for all Minnesota students?
1: Rules should foster competitive equity, but this rule doesn’t. There is no competitive advantage to a speaker not having a citation on their visual aid.

2: This particular rule is responsible for a large number of disqualifications in the event. Especially given that it doesn’t give any type of advantage, having a student receive a penalty for it should be
questioned. In many regards, this rule feels like a "gotcha."

3: This rule doesn't mirror current professional practice in the real world (and speech should reflect best practices in the real world.) Teachers and other professionals do not have written citations on every visual aid used. Having the citation in a works cited still supports the same research skills as having it appear on the visual.

What other policies are significant in this proposal?
None.

Provide evidence of support for the proposal from other groups
This rule change proposal was submitted to Speech Advisory by Zach Prax of Eastview High School with support from
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Impact
How does your proposal affect this activity, including its impact on all classes, areas of the state, and variety of schools
This revision to the rule provides clarity and simplicity for competitors, coaches, and rules committees.

Administration
How does your proposal impact section and state tournaments?
This revision to the rule provides clarity and simplicity for competitors, coaches, and rules committees. It is likely to reduce protests and disqualifications at subsection, section, and state tournaments.

Length of Tournament
How does your proposal impact the needed competition time for section and state tournaments?
No impact.

Participants
How does your proposal impact the number of participants/teams?
No impact.

How does your proposal impact the percentage of participants/teams that would qualify for the state tournament?
No impact.

Facilities
How does your proposal impact the facilities needed to accommodate your recommendation at both the section and state level?
Awards
How does your proposal impact the number of awards at both section and state?
No impact.

Other
Provide any other pertinent information not included in this proposal
None.

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