

## BAGLEY RULE INTRO:

Many conventions ago a group of QCA (Quartet Champions Association) members were sitting around someone's hospitality room discussing each of their quartet favorite's chances of winning that particular contest.

During a lull in the conversations, Don Bagley, bass of the 1988 International Champion quartet, Chief's Of Staff, sought everyone's attention and indicated he would like to share a thought. Don indicated how seemingly unfair it was that a contest of 13 or 14 total quartets had to eliminate those few bottom quartets and only move ten into the finals.

Don went on to stress the fact that those bottom quartets might never make a quartet contest finals and, for some of those men, they might never have that chance again. Don suggested that whenever those situations arose in future contests, that a procedure be put in place that would allow those quartets in positions 11 through 13 be added to the top ten and be allowed to move on to the finals.

Don's idea met with immediate approval from those in attendance and, after dubbing the idea as the "Bagley Rule," it was suggested that someone mention the idea to the district contest and judging chairman with the additional thought that Don's idea had the support of the QCA.

As it turned out the "Bagley Rule" was accepted and put to use on several occasions over the years. Our purpose here today is to formally present the following proposal before this House of Delegates, having it seconded and voted on successfully by the HOD, after which it would become a part of the Illinois District by-laws. The proposal states..... in the event, etc.

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## Bagley Rule

In the event only thirteen (13) or fewer registered District Quartets are in the Preliminary Quartet contest, all district quartets will be eligible to compete in the Quartet finals, regardless of their score.

(Excluded quartets from the Rule) Quartets from out of district, High School/College Quartets, Mixed Quartets. (M/W).

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If there are fourteen (14) or more quartets in the Preliminary contest, only the top ten (10) quartets will move on to the Championship finals.