

Use of Electronic Devices

ALL EVENTS

- **Mobile phone use by students is PROHIBITED during rounds, EVEN FOR TIMING.** Phones **must** be silenced completely and **may not** be seen, heard, or used for communication (except as a hotspot) while in any competition room or in Extemp Prep. If a phone is used as a hotspot, it must be set up and put away before the round/prep starts.
- Judges may use their electronic devices in rounds solely for timing, flowing/notetaking, and electronic balloting. Devices must be silenced. Judges DO NOT have the power to authorize device use in violation of this policy.

DEBATE EVENTS (TD, LD, PFD & CONGRESS)

- Electronic storage and retrieval devices (laptops, tablets, etc.) are permitted for evidence retrieval, flowing/notetaking, and timing. Materials may be stored on the computer or retrieved from an attached drive or online. Devices **must** run on battery during rounds/sessions and **must** be silenced.
- Internet or other connectivity for evidence retrieval (via school network or hotspot) is permitted during rounds, but communication with any person outside the room is **prohibited**. Recording of any kind is **prohibited**. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification from the tournament.
- Electronic devices **may not** be used to display visual aids in competition.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

- Electronic storage and retrieval devices (laptops, tablets, etc.) are permitted in Extemp Prep for evidence retrieval and timing **only**. Devices **must** run on battery and **may not** be connected to power in the prep room. Devices **must** be silenced.
- Materials may be files stored on the computer or retrieved from an attached drive or online. Materials must conform to NCFL rules governing evidence in Extemporaneous Speaking (NCFL Bylaws § II.C.1.c.8). Prewritten speeches are **prohibited**. AI services such as ChatGPT are permitted but must be cited appropriately.
- Internet or other connectivity for evidence retrieval (via school network or hotspot) is permitted in Extemp Prep, but communication or collaboration with any person is **prohibited**. Recording of any kind is **prohibited**. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification from the tournament.
- Students **MUST NOT** use their electronic devices to organize, outline, or write speeches. There shall be an irrebuttable presumption that any student-produced documents open during prep is prewritten content.
- No tech devices or connectivity may be used by students in competition rooms.

OTHER EVENTS (DP, DUO, OI, DEC, AND OO)

- No tech devices or connectivity may be used by students in these events.

CAUTIONARY NOTE TO PARTICIPANTS

No guarantee of power or of Internet connectivity should be presumed. There should be no expectation placed on host schools to provide either of these resources. Students wishing to use digital devices must be responsible for providing these resources and for having an alternative plan if the digital device fails. Participants assume all risk of equipment failure, damage, theft, or loss. Use of electronic devices is subject to the scrutiny of League staff, including Extemp Prep monitors and Parliamentarians.