

Use of Electronic Devices

Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League

All Events

- **Mobile phone use by students is PROHIBITED.** Phones **must not** be seen, heard, or used in any fashion while in any competition room or in Extemp Prep.
- Judges may use their mobile phones (silenced and in airplane mode) solely for timing.

Debate Events (TD, LD, PFD, and Congress)

- Electronic storage and retrieval devices (laptops, tablets, convertible PCs, and non-cellular handhelds) are permitted for evidence retrieval, flowing, and timing.
- Connectivity (over the host school's guest network **only**—no tethering) for search and retrieval is permitted.
- Electronic communication is permitted only with the assigned judges and competitors **inside** the competition room.
- Electronic communication with any other person, through wired or wireless networks, cell phones, etc. **outside** the competition room is **not** permitted.

Extemporaneous Speaking

- Electronic storage and retrieval devices (laptops, tablets, convertible PCs, and non-cellular handhelds) are permitted in the prep room for evidence retrieval and timing **only**.
- Materials may be files stored on the computer or retrieved from an attached thumb, flash, or hard drive. Materials must conform to NCFL rules governing evidence in Extemp. Prepared speeches are not allowed.
- Connectivity is **not** permitted.
- Students **may not** use their electronic devices to organize, outline, or write speeches.
- All technology must remain in the prep room. No tech devices or connectivity may be used in competition rooms.

All Other Events (DP, Duo, OI, Dec, and OO)

- No tech devices or connectivity may be used.

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.*