

# Use of Electronic Devices

Florida Gulf Coast Catholic Forensics League

## All Events

- **Mobile phone use by students is PROHIBITED.** Phones **must** be powered down completely and **may not** be seen, heard, or used in any fashion (*including timing*) while in any competition room or in Extemp Prep. Extemp contestants will relinquish their phones to the Extemp Prep staff while competing.
- Judges may use their mobile phones (silenced and in airplane mode) solely for timing. ***Judges DO NOT have the power to authorize device use in violation of this policy.***

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

- Electronic storage and retrieval devices (laptops, tablets, and convertible PCs) are permitted for evidence retrieval, flowing, and timing. Materials may be stored on the computer or retrieved from an attached thumb, flash, or hard drive. Devices **must** run on battery.
- Contestants must remove or disable all networking capabilities so that the computer is unable to access *or search for* a network during rounds.
- Connectivity is **NOT permitted**. The establishment of any connection (guest network, authenticated network, hotspot, or otherwise) shall constitute a violation of this rule even if the connection is unwanted or unused.

## Extemporaneous Speaking

- Electronic storage and retrieval devices (laptops, tablets, convertible PCs) are permitted in the prep room for evidence retrieval and timing **only**. Devices **must** run on battery and **may not** be connected to power in the prep room.
- 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 Extemporaneous Speaking. Prepared speeches are not allowed.
- Connectivity is **NOT permitted**. Contestants must remove or disable all networking capabilities so that the computer is unable to access *or search for* a network during rounds.
- Students **must 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.*