

National Catholic Forensic League

Rules for Computer Use in Extemporaneous Speaking Preparation

For the 2011 NCFL Grand National Tournament in Washington, DC

- 1—There is no use of power plugs in the Extemp Prep Room allowed at all, at any time. The only power for a computer inside the Prep Room is to be from batteries.
- 2-- No connectivity from students' computers of any kind is allowed inside the Extemp Prep Room. For example: no internet, no IM'ing, no outside servers, no cell phone tethers, etc.
- 3-- Students cannot use a computer to prepare speeches. They can use the computers to search and read, but cannot write speeches or organize their thoughts on the computers.
- 4-- Students are prohibited from accessing outlines and speeches on the computer prepared prior to their draw time.
- 5-- Any student using a computer must be prepared to show prep room or tournament staff what they are accessing at any time. Any student not providing tournament staff with the information they request may be disqualified.
- 6-- There will be several extra Extemp Prep Room monitors. Students should be aware that they are subject to extensive monitoring of their computer use.
- 7-- Students cannot access audio, video, or other multi-media files during preparation time.
- 8-- Students cannot use their computers from the time they leave the Extemp Prep Room until they have completed their speech. Students may take their computers with them to their competition room, or to lunch, but cannot use the computers outside the Prep Room until after their speech is completed. Any student using the computer in the hallways or classrooms prior to their speech may be disqualified.
- 9-- NCFL may put stickers and/or tape on computers to ensure they are not opened or used, or to ensure appropriate owners take their own machines.
- 10-- NCFL does not assume any liability for the computers. Students are welcome to use Kensington Locks or other such devices to secure their computers in the Prep Room. Students, Parents, and Coaches should be aware that the students are bringing and using the computers at their own risk. The NCFL is not responsible for lost, stolen, or broken computers.