

7. **Internet Rules:** Review the [Current Guidelines for Use of Internet Enabled Devices](#) in debate, Congress, and Extemp. These guidelines permitting the use of internet will be used at the National Tournament. The internet rules for debate do not apply to World Schools Debate.
8. **Generative Artificial Intelligence:** At the 2026 National Tournament, in events in which speeches must be the original created work of a competitor (OO, INF, IX, USX, SW, EXC, IMP, EXP) students are prohibited from quoting or paraphrasing text directly from generative AI sources. Generative AI should *not be cited as a source*. The exception is that a student delivering a speech about the topic of AI may quote AI to illustrate their points about AI, in accordance with existing quoted word limits. While generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and sources, the original source of any quoted or paraphrased evidence must be available if requested.

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In Interpretation events, students are prohibited from performing material created by generative AI sources. Generative AI should *not be used as a source of material*; while generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and material, the original source of any material that is performed must be available if requested.
9. **Video/Audio Recording:** No recording (audio or visual) of rounds is allowed at the National Speech and Debate Tournament without the written consent of the Association.
10. **Protests:** Protests are filed using the online protest form. The form includes:
 - A. Name of the school advisor or authorized adult representative(s) filing protest and school, city, state. To file a protest, the advisor or adult representative must be on site. School advisors may appoint one or more adult representatives who are permitted to file protests in case the advisor is absent or incapable of filing a protest due to a tournament-related commitment. Authorized adult representatives must be approved by the school's administration and explicitly appointed prior to the tournament.
 - B. Code of person/team being protested.
 - C. Round being protested.
 - D. Section/room and speaker number of person/team being protested.
 - E. Specific infraction being protested described with supporting detail.After the infraction has been observed/discovered, the protest must be filed in a timely manner. After filing a protest, the coach must report to the Rules Protest Panel holding room. For coaches initiating protests, **decisions of the Rules Protest Panel are final**. Coaches may not appeal the decision of the Rules Protest Panel. If a perceived violation occurs in a subsequent round, another protest may be filed.