

## **NCFL Technology Update For NCFL 2019**

As a result of actions by the Executive Committee of the National Catholic Forensic League meeting September 29 in Milwaukee, section D.9 of the bylaws was changed. The wording contained in the By-Laws is the final authority to resolve all questions. The updated language of the NCFL By-Laws regarding technology use by students can be summarized as follows:

<b>Events</b>	<b>Technology Use by Students</b>
Dec, DP, OI, OO, Duo	No tech devices or connectivity may be used
Extemporaneous Speaking	<p>In the <b>prep</b> room:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computers, electronic storage and retrieval devices are permitted.</li> <li>• Connectivity with any person inside or outside the prep room is <b>not</b> permitted. Materials can be on files on their computers or retrieved from an attached thumb, flash, or hard drive.</li> <li>• Prepared speeches are not allowed. All technology must remain in the prep room.</li> </ul> <p>In the <b>competition</b> rooms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No tech devices or connectivity may be used.</li> </ul>
Team Policy CX Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Student Congress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computers, electronic storage and retrieval devices are permitted.</li> <li>• Connectivity for search and retrieval is permitted.</li> <li>• Electronic communication is permitted only with the assigned judges and competitors <b>inside</b> the competition room.</li> <li>• Electronic communication with any other person, through wired or wireless networks, cell phones, etc. <b>outside</b> the competition room is <b>not</b> permitted.</li> </ul>

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.