

An Amendment to Allow for Internet Information Retrieval in Extemp Draw

1. Amend page 53, section heading 10 to read as follows:

“10. The use of laptop computers and any other internet-connected information retrieval device by the competitors may be used during draw to retrieve information saved onto a storage device or from online resources with the following provisions:”

2. Strike Section 10 a-h

~~“a. If the computer requires an insertable card in order to access a wireless connection, that card must be removed from the computer during the entirety of the round.
b. If the computer has built-in wireless capability, the wireless component must be inactive during the entirety of the round.
c. If a tournament official or competitor observes a competitor in the round using a computer which has the wireless card inserted or the built-in component left active, the student who has possession of the computer shall automatically be disqualified from that event for that tournament.
d. Laptops and any storage devices being used must be made available for review upon request of the tournament official.
e. Articles must be saved with the URL intact on the saved document.
f. All laptops and storage devices must be in compliance with the rules governing acceptable prep room materials.
g. Laptop computers may be used only for information retrieval.
h. Violation of any of the above conditions for the use of laptop in the extemp draw may result in the disqualification of any student(s) utilizing the laptop.”~~

3. Amend page 53 and add in a new Section 10 a-d that read as follows

a. Articles that are saved must be saved with the URL intact on the saved document.
b. All laptops and storage devices must be in compliance with the rules governing acceptable prep room materials.”
c. Laptop computers and any other internet-connected information retrieval devices may be used only for information retrieval.
d. Violation of any of the above conditions for the use of laptop computers and any other internet-connected information retrieval devices in the extemp draw may result in the disqualification of any student(s) utilizing the laptop.”

4. THIS AMENDMENT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE

Rationale: This allows for extemporaneous speaking to be consistent with the other speech and debate events that allow for information retrieval in their events and moves extemporaneous speaking away from an “arms race” of filing to an event that is more accessible to the novice student.

Respectfully submitted,

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