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**NCFL IN-ROUND ONLINE PROCEDURES  
FOR MODERATORS AND COACHES**

Online operations have resulted in the following technology rules adaptations for 2021 NCFL Nationals.

This is the March 22 Initial release. We will update as we get closer to the tournament, but we thought it was important to make you aware of these changes in tournament procedures for the 2021 NCFL Grand National Tournament.

<b>Events</b>	<b>Changes</b>
Tech Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All students have a total of 10 minutes in round to resolve technical issues. If a student cannot resolve the tech issue in that time, they may forfeit the round.</li> <li>● Speakers in DEC, DP, DUO, and OI may work with TECH HELP to use an asynchronous backup - See <b>ASYNCHRONOUS BACKUP OPTION</b> document.</li> <li>● Congress Speakers will be ranked only on any speeches and questions that they were able to present during the Congress Session.</li> <li>● Debaters that cannot conclude the debate will have to forfeit.</li> <li>● In speech Events if an entry has used up their tech time.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students in IE events that cannot perform at all because of technical issues (and have used all their ASYNCHRONOUS BACKUP chances or do not have a backup) shall be ranked last.</li> <li>○ If a judge feels the speaker performed enough that the judge feels they can fairly evaluate the speaker, then the judge may rank the speaker in the round but may choose to penalize the speaker for the incomplete performance.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p>Team Events (DUO, PF, and CX)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● In order to make partnered events fair for everyone, the following rules must be followed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Each student <b>MUST</b> perform on their own camera</li> <li>○ Students should not physically share spaces and must conform to all social distancing guidelines. This rule applies even if students are part of the same household.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Failure to comply with these procedures may result in disqualification.</li> </ul>
<p>DEC, DP, DUO, OO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use of a manuscript on or off-screen in any form (hard copy or electronic) is strictly forbidden during the performance. If a judge suspects a student is reading from a script, the judge may take that into account in their ranking of the round.</li> <li>● The performance may either be given from a seated or standing position. The student(s) must choose one or the other and cannot do both or the judge may penalize the performer(s). In the case of DUO, one student may stand and the other may sit throughout the entire performance.</li> <li>● For DUO, please also see the rules above for Team Events</li> <li>● Asynchronous Backup - See <b>ASYNCHRONOUS BACKUP OPTION</b> document.</li> </ul>
<p>Oral Interpretation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The student must read from a prepared manuscript. However, the manuscript does not have to be a binder and the script may be a physical hardcopy or stored on an electronic device (including, but not limited to laptop, phone, tablet or e-reader).</li> <li>● The device used for reading should appear within camera view.</li> <li>● The speech may either be given from a seated or standing position. The student must choose one or the other and cannot do both or the judge may penalize the performer.</li> <li>● Asynchronous Backup - See <b>ASYNCHRONOUS BACKUP OPTION</b> document.</li> </ul>

<p>Extemporaneous Speaking</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Technology Changes: See <b>TECHNOLOGY UPDATES FOR EXTEMP, DEBATE, and CONGRESS FOR 2021</b> document.</li> <li>● The speech may either be given from a seated or standing position. The student must choose one or the other and cannot do both or the judge may penalize the performer.</li> <li>● Use of notes on or off-screen in any form (hard copy or electronic) is strictly forbidden during the performance</li> <li>● The speech may either be given from a seated or standing position. The student must choose one or the other and cannot do both or the judge may penalize the performer.</li> </ul>
<p>Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Student Congress</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Technology Changes: See <b>TECHNOLOGY UPDATES FOR EXTEMP, DEBATE, and CONGRESS FOR 2021</b> document.</li> <li>● For PF and CX, please see the rules above for Team Events</li> </ul>