Digital Presentation Event Rules

Platform Speech

Digital Presentation is an original platform speech that informs or persuades and is accompanied by digital visual aids.

1. **General Speech Rules and Script Rules** must be followed in addition to these Event Rules.

2. **Speech time** is limited to a 10-minute maximum.

3. **An original work** must be presented. Original indicates that the speech is scripted word-for-word by the speaker.

4. **Characterization** may comprise up to 150 total words in the speech. Characterization refers to acting or speaking in a manner other than that of the speaker (e.g. accents, singing, spoken word poetry, etc.).

5. **Direct quotations** may comprise up to 350 words of the total words in the speech.

6. **Sources for supporting material** must be verbally stated in the speech, parenthetically cited following the material in the script, and listed on the Works Cited page.

   - **Supporting material** includes another person's information, images, details, research, theories, stories, or ideas whether directly quoted or summarized.

   - **Common knowledge** that is known to most people does not need to be cited in any way.

7. **A digital presentation** must accompany the speech:

   - **A minimum of five slides** must be used, not including the introductory and concluding slides.

   - **The presentation must begin** with an introductory slide with a topic or title visible to the judges. The presentation must conclude with a blank, solid-colored slide.

   - **Video, GIFs, audio, and/or audiovisual clip(s)** may be used in the presentation and must not exceed a combined total of 30 seconds.

   - **Credit for non-original images or graphics; or video, audio, and/or audiovisual clip(s)** must be visible on the slide.

- **Equipment requirements and limitations:**

  o **The presentation** must be downloaded onto the speaker's device (laptop, tablet, or phone) and must run independently of any WiFi.

  o **Any wireless presenter remote or external speakers**, if desired, must be provided by the speaker. Audio via the video monitor will not be available.

  o **A video monitor with HDMI connection, a 10' male HDMI cable, and a surface area for the speaker's device** will be provided by tournament administration.

  o **When using equipment provided by tournament administration:**

    ▪ The equipment may not be relocated.

    ▪ The provided HDMI cable must be used and may not be moved to other input ports. Any necessary adapter for connection from the provided HDMI cable to the student's device must be provided by the speaker.

  o **The speaker's device** (laptop, tablet, or phone) may be used in lieu of equipment provided by tournament administration.

  o **Power cords for a speaker's device** and/or any optional external speakers may not be plugged into outlets in the competition room.

  o **Set up** must not exceed two minutes.

  o **Assistance with a speaker's set up or equipment** is not permitted in the competition room before, during, or after the speech.

  o **Special accommodations** will not be made for a speaker's equipment failure.

8. **During the delivery of the speech:**

- **The presentation** may only be displayed on a single monitor in addition to the screen.

- **Visual aids** are not permitted. Visual aids are items other than the digital presentation used to enhance the speech.

- **Room lighting** may not be altered.