

Flight Procedures in Space

Rules for Online Tournaments

1. Internet Loss/ Connection During Competition:

a. IE's Competitors who are giving a speech and lose their internet connection are allowed 5 minutes to reconnect before they forfeit their opportunity to finish the speech. They will then be judged on what was presented before they lost internet.

b. Debate Competitors who have their internet disconnect during their speech, the judge will start a running clock until they return to the round then that amount of time over 5 minutes will be deducted from their speech time. If the time for the speech has expired then the debate round will continue with the following speech. Note: In partnered debate, partners cannot finish the speech for the person who dropped.

2. Astronauts (competitors) are restricted to the use of a "single camera set up" during the performance.

3. Extraterrestrials (physical audiences) are prohibited from being present for the performance, with the exception of: involuntary audiences (ex: individuals/families who happen to be in the same room), and assistants/aids for individuals with disabilities. Enforcement is up to the discretion of the Flight Director.

4. Astronauts in Duo and RT shall not compete together in the same physical space in accordance with AFA rules.

5. Practices that would not be possible in a face-to-face environment (such as motion, video transitions, or audio manipulation) are prohibited. However, the use of screen sharing and virtual visual aids in events which allow it can be used.

6. No persons should participate or contribute to students who are competing during the course of the round.

7. Partners in debate rounds are allowed to communicate with their partner through other lines of communication such as chats, phone calls, other video conferencing platforms, etc.

8. In accordance with NPDA Bylaws; Electronic/laptop flowing by debaters in a round is also acceptable. This excludes cutting and pasting previously prepared material as well as flowing done by anyone not in the round on a shared spreadsheet.

Helpful Info for Surviving in Space

1. If this is your first time (coaches/judges/students) using the virtual Forensics Tournament program, please refer to the following tutorials for step by step guides to help make the tournament run better for all of use:

a. Competitors

b. Judges

c. General Information About How Virtual FTN Works

2. The tournament will use various virtual rooms to simulate rooms we would normally have at a tournament. Please find the links to those below. They all use 8x8 and do not require login information. In fact, make sure you and your students DO NOT create 8x8 accounts or else this could affect access to competition rooms:

- a. Extemp Prep:
- b. Help Room:
- c. Judge Standby:

3. Ballots: Judges will receive an email with a link to their ballot if they have been assigned one. Those who do not receive a ballot should get a notice that they are on "standby." Judges who are on standby should go to the Judge Stand By Room listed in section 3 above to wait to be pushed a ballot. Once all ballots have been distributed, you should receive an all clear notice from the tournament.

4. Problems: Should you or your students run into any problems throughout the tournament, please seek assistance in the Help Room.

5. Topics: Please read the following for information about how topics will be distributed for various events:

a. Parli: Topics will be distributed in round by the judges. Judges should facilitate topic strikes for the competitors at the time the round is scheduled to begin. They will have a total of 20 minutes to strike topics and prep before the round will begin.

b. IPDA: Topics will be distributed in round by the judges. Judges should facilitate topic strikes for the competitors at the time the round is scheduled to begin. They will have a total of 30 minutes to strike topics and prep before the round will begin. Students should leave their cameras on while they prep.

c. Extemp: Students will select their topics in the Extemp Prep Room and then show up to their round 30 minutes after they draw their topics. Please make sure your judges know they also MUST give students time signals during their speeches.

d. Impromptu: Judges will receive topics with their ballot. They will distribute topics to the relevant speakers and facilitate their prep. Please make sure your judges know they also MUST give students time signals during their speeches.

6. Constraints: Please review the judging list and make sure there aren't any judges who are unable to judge your students. These are not strikes, aka judges you do not want, but judges who have a conflict of interest with your students.

7. Rules: Please make sure you, your judges, and students are aware of the rules for the various events and the virtual tournament specific rules listed in the Tournament Invitation.

8. The Director of Forensics must verify each student has a functioning email which they check on a regular basis as well as a phone number.