

M.L.F.A. Device Policy and Etiquette Statement

Judges, please remind the contestants of the following rules prior to commencing the round. Read just the bolded portion of this document aloud to them. If virtual, read the underlined portion as well.

Contestants must be attentive and respectful at all times and are expected to watch all of the performances in the room. Contestants should not attempt to multitask. Inappropriate, distracting, or off-task behavior may result in disqualification from this competition. Please, turn off any device that may create a distraction. If a speaker is interrupted by outside forces, the speaker may continue, but also has the right to start over without being penalized. In-person, speakers must be masked except while performing.

If virtual, all microphones and videos must be muted/off while the speaking rounds are in session, only to be turned on when the judge calls the speakers to begin their piece. Contestants should remain in an environment that is quiet and distraction-free.

If a contestant or contestant device interrupts another speaker in the round, the judge will alert the infractions team. If a judge causes a disturbance during the round, the judge must pay \$10 to the host school as a fine. Judges are expected to be attentive to students as well and should not be attempting to multitask on their devices (get work done, text, etc...), but focus only on the round of competition.