Digital Presentation Tips

1. Plan for the technological challenges.

Remember that no equipment will be provided by Tournament Administration and that accessibility to outlets is not guaranteed at a tournament. Ensuring a charged laptop for in-person tournaments may take some planning ahead. We recommend carefully reading through the Technology Guidelines before the tournament.

2. Take time to test before the speech.

Competitors are permitted and encouraged to advance through two to three slides and confirm with their judges that their slides are advancing before beginning the speech. This is also an opportunity to test the responsiveness of the clicker. Test slides may be slides from the presentation or plain-colored test slides that only have numbers.

Competitors may also request that the judges turn off the sound on their laptops before the speech begins.

3. Embrace the unexpected.

Unfortunate situations sometimes occur with technology, and we encourage competitors to embrace the challenge in this event by learning how to graciously handle the unexpected. Competitors must set up, present, and break down within their designated 15-minute time slot, and special accommodations will not be made for a speaker's equipment failure. In general, competitors should keep the timer running and do their best to finish the speech.