

## M.L.F.A. POLICY FOR CELL PHONES /ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic Devices include: iPods, MP3 players, GameBoy's or any other device which plays music, games, or could otherwise disrupt speaking rounds.

All cell phones and electronic devices must be turned off while speaking rounds are in session. **TURNED OFF.** This means: no texting, no games, no music, not set to vibrate or on silent. This policy includes contestants, judges/timers, and anyone else in the room where contestants are presenting.

Procedure to follow if round is disrupted by cell phone/electronic device:

1. The judge will stop the timer.
2. The speaker will be given the opportunity to begin again or continue after the disruption.

Consequences for violating the rule:

Contestant/s: The judge will treat the violation as a rules infraction and present the critique to the infractions table for processing. Contestant/s will be disqualified for the round and may not advance to the Power Round.

Judge/timer: The school the judge represents will be fined \$10. per offense. The money will be paid to the host school. Failure to pay fines will be treated in the same manner as failure to pay entry fees. Schools will not be allowed to register for the State Meet until fines are paid.

Others: The spectator will be asked to leave the room.

Reporting violations:

Judges are expected to follow the disqualification format for rule violation by reporting the incident to the infractions table for verification.

If the culprit is the judge:

1. The judge **SHOULD** turn himself/herself in to the infractions table.
2. In rooms with more than one category the other judge may report the violation.
3. Contestants from the round may contact their coach to report the violation, or they may report the incident to the infractions table.