



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

# Online Digital Presentation

## Event Rules

### Platform Speech

*Modifications for online competition are noted in italics.*

1. **Online General Speech Rules and Script Rules** must be followed in addition to these *Online* 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. *Videos, GIFs, audio, and/or audiovisual clip(s) must be embedded into the presentation.*

- **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:**
  - **A wireless presenter remote *and/or* external speakers** may be used.
  - **Setup** should take place prior to entering the competition room at the assigned time. Once the speaker has entered the room, any additional setup must not exceed 30 seconds.
  - **Assistance with a speaker's setup or equipment** is not permitted once the speaker has entered the competition room
  - **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 *to the judges* on a single screen.
- **Both the speaker and the digital presentation** must be visible throughout the speech.
- **Visual aids** are not permitted. Visual aids are items other than the digital presentation used to enhance the speech.

## Online Digital Presentation Protocols

1. **Speakers may choose to display their digital presentation in one of two ways:**
  - a. *Speakers may use a monitor or device facing the camera while ensuring that both the presentation and the speaker are in view of the camera.*
  - b. *Speakers may use the screen sharing function within the competition room. The speaker and presentation will be displayed side by side in equal-sized boxes with the speaker on the left when facing the screen and the presentation on the right.*
2. **Speakers may choose to use more than one monitor,** bearing in mind rule 8.1.
3. **Timekeeping procedures** are detailed in Rule 18 of Online General Speech Rules.