PANHELLENIC FORENSICS ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT

Reactions to Technology Glitches 2021

oral interpretation duet acting
debate oratory
group discussion impromptu group discussion
Oral Interpretation Duet Acting

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Problems	Solutions
Debate - <u>Wing judge</u> drops (ONLY between speeches)	- Allow 10 mins for the judge to reconnect - If they cannot reconnect, the Chair judges the debate on their own
Debate - <u>Chair judge</u> drops mid-speech (or between speeches)	- Pause speech (or pause between speeches if drop happens then) - Allow 10 mins for the judge to reconnect - Inform the debate tabroom immediately, so the CA has a back up plan. - If reconnected, then continue the speech from where it was paused - If they cannot reconnect, the CA instructs on how to proceed (replace the Chair if at the start of the debate, or confirm to the Wing they are taking over the Chair, etc)
Debate - <u>Speaker</u> drops	If during their speech: - Pause the timer - Allow 10 mins for the student to reconnect - If reconnected, then continue the speech from where it was paused - If they cannot reconnect, one of their teammates who was speaking in the debate has the option to either: - Finish their partner's speech - Leave it where it was If between speeches / before their speech: - Allow 10 mins for the student to reconnect - If they cannot reconnect, one of their teammates who was speaking in the debate can iron that speech (speak twice).
Sweepstakes - <u>Judge</u> Drops in individual performance events, **except Impromptu Speaking and Group Discussion**	- If a judge drops during the first minute of a performance/speech, stop the timer, allow up to 10 minutes for the judge to reconnect and RESTART the performance/speech. - If a judge drops after the first minute of a performance - Inform the tabroom immediately

	- continue the performance with the two judges remaining on the call - at the end of the performance, stop for 10 minutes to allow for the judge to reconnect - If possible, the judge will be replaced with a backup judge - If not possible, the round will continue with two judges. - If you have only one judge left on the call, pause the performance (or pause between performances if drop happens then) - Inform the sweepstakes tabroom immediately - Allow 10 mins for at least one more judge to reconnect - If reconnected, then continue the performance from where it was paused - If no judge can reconnect, the tabroom must replace at least one of the judges - In cases of a replacement judge: the performance of the specific student starts from the beginning
Sweepstakes - <u>Judge</u> Drops in **Impromptu Speaking**	If a judge (or more) drops between performances: - Allow up to 10 minutes for the judge to reconnect & inform the tabroom immediately. If at least one judge remains on the call: - Do not pause the performance or the timer. Continue until the end of the performance with only one judge. - Pause for up to 10 minutes between performances to allow for the judge to reconnect. - Inform the sweepstakes tabroom immediately of which judge dropped and during which performance.
Sweepstakes - <u>Participant</u> Drops in individual performance events, **except Impromptu Speaking and Group Discussion**	- Pause the timer - Allow 10 mins for the participant to reconnect - Inform the sweepstakes tabroom immediately

	- If reconnected, then: - The participant is informed of where the timer was paused, and what was the last thing the judges heard before they dropped from the call. - The participant is given no more than 30 seconds to regroup and start their performance from where it was paused. - If they cannot reconnect, tabroom instructs on how to proceed: - Proceed with the next performance in that room - Allow the student to perform at the end of the round or in a makeup round
Sweepstakes - <u>Participant</u> Drops in **Impromptu Speaking**	If between speeches / before the topics have been revealed: - Allow 5 mins for the student to reconnect. - If they cannot reconnect within that time, proceed with the next participant. - If the participant who dropped manages to reconnect before the end of the round, allow them to participate out of turn. If after the topics have been revealed or during their speech: - Pause the timer - If the student reconnects within 1 minute: - The student is allowed to continue from the last part the judges heard. - Judges should inform the participant of the time when they paused the timer, and what the last thing they heard was. - If the student takes longer than 1 minute to reconnect: - Allow 5 mins for the student to reconnect. - Inform the sweepstakes tabroom immediately - When they reconnect, they

	should be given a new set of topics and re-start.
	● If they cannot reconnect, tabroom instructs on how to proceed:
	   ○ Proceed with the next performance in that room
	   ○ Allow the student to perform at the end of the round or in a makeup round

Sweepstakes - <u>Judge</u> Drops in **Group Discussion**	● If a judge drops during the discussion, the time should be paused for 5 minutes to allow them to reconnect. ● The tabroom should be informed immediately. ● If there are two judges remaining on the call, and the judge is unable to reconnect after 5 minutes, then the round continues with the two remaining judges. ● If there is only one judge remaining on the call, then the round is paused until at least one more of the original judges can reconnect.

Sweepstakes - <u>Student</u> Drops in **Group Discussion**	● If a student drops during the discussion, the time should be paused for 5 minutes to allow them to reconnect.
	● If the student is unable to reconnect after 5 minutes:
	   ○ The Chief Adjudicator must be informed and the round will continue on their order.
	   ○ If the student is able to connect after 5 minutes, they can come back into the discussion at that point.
	   ○ If the student is unable to reconnect during the round, then they will receive the scores from their other round. The option of a make-up round may be allowed by the Chief Adjudicator depending on the number of participants affected by technical issues in that round.