

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.**