

WDCA Paperless Debating Guidelines:

1. Paperless teams must have at least one working jump-drive that is compatible with both mac and PC computers. This jump-drive should be located before the 1AC or time to look for it will be considered prep time.
2. If all planned pieces of evidence are not be jumped before the speech/provided on a viewing computer, then the time to facilitate this transfer after the speech will be considered prep time. Additional cards must be provided at the end of the speech.
3. Only pieces of evidence that the debater reasonably plans to read in the speech should be jumped (no jumping of entire aff or neg files). This evidence should be jumped in the order the debater intends to read it.
4. Paperless debaters should mark cards during the speech and proactively offer to re-jump the marked speech at the end of the speech.
5. There is no obligation to include analytical arguments in the speech doc.
6. Planned permutations, counterplans or other arguments with texts should be included in the speech document offered to the other team.
7. Time to jump speeches is a part of prep time as determined by the judge.
8. At the end of the debate, debaters should not save the speeches jumped to them by their opponents without explicit permission.
9. If the viewing computer malfunctions in some way during prep time, the time needed to rectify the situation should be counted as prep time.
10. If a paperless debater has a tech failure during their speech, the debater may request the speech be stopped and prep time be used to rectify the situation.
11. The paperless team has an obligation to provide a copy of the evidence read in the round to their opponents. The paperless can provide this copy on a viewing computer, a hard copy if available, or a jumped electronic file (provided the jumped file is acceptable to the opposing team).
12. A violation of these rules is not a reason to vote for one team or another, but rather should be brought up at the end of the first available speech and be dealt with at the discretion of the judge.