

240.20. EVIDENCE VIEWING

- (1) Paperless teams have an obligation to provide a copy of the evidence read in the round to their opponents. The paperless team can provide this copy on a viewing computer, a hard copy if available, or a provided electronic file, if the provided file is acceptable to the opposing team and they have a computer from which to access it. A viewing computer is defined as an extra device with at least a 7" screen that the document can be viewed on or the speaker giving their opponents the computer used during the speech. If the latter is executed, the laptop must be handed to their opponents at the conclusion of each of their speeches.
- (2) In policy debate, if all planned pieces of evidence are not provided before the speech, then the time to facilitate this transfer after the speech will be deducted from the speaking team's prep time. The additional evidence must be provided immediately after the conclusion of the speech.
- (3) Only pieces of evidence that the debater reasonably plans to read in the speech should be provided (not entire aff or neg files). This evidence should be provided in the order the debater intends to read it. Egregious violations of this rule may be grounds for the judge to decrease the weight given to that team's arguments. It is also grounds for the opposing team to make a formal allegation of nonexistent evidence. Failure to share read evidence is also grounds for a formal allegation of nonexistent evidence.
- (4) Evidence flashed to the opposing team must contain full citations, including if applicable: author name, author qualifications, date of publication, title of publication, title of article, page number and URL. Any evidence that does not conform to this expectation is subject to a claim of falsification as outlined in the standing rules.
- (5) It is not required that paperless teams share the text of their case with the other team. However, any evidence utilized, whether by quotation or parenthetical reference must have proper citations available. It is strongly suggested that each narrative case includes a works cited page.
- (6) In policy debate, time to provide speeches is a part of the prep time allotted to each time. The WDCA does not recognize "off time prep" as a valid, appropriate, acceptable, or actual practice. Prep time ends when the evidence is given to the other team.
- (7) At the end of the debate, debaters may not save anything jumped to them by their opponents without explicit permission. Violation of this rule may result in disqualification from the tournament upon an allegation made to the WSDT Director by the coach of either team.
- (8) If the viewing computer malfunctions in some way, both teams have the responsibility of using reasonable steps to rectify the situation without prep time being utilized. If necessary, the paperless team must supply a different viewing computer.
- (9) If a paperless debater has a technical failure during their speech, the debater may request the speech be paused and prep time be used to rectify the situation. The speech time will resume from the paused time when the speech resumes.
- (10) When evidence is requested by the opposing team, the full article and/or complete URL must be made immediately available per rule 210.0
- (11) A violation of these rules follows the procedures laid out in the evidence guidelines.