

## Forensics Rules Committee Postings

The Rules Committee issues postings throughout the season. Refer to the dates and information below (most recent is shown first):

### 2007-2008

Posted 12/19/07:

- Impromptu prep timing clarification:  
*“Competitors shall time their prep by setting the timer at 3 minutes and time down. At the beep the student is to stop preparation and walk to the front of the room to begin his/her speech. Competitors are to set their timer at 5:01 and time down with their timer. Students are to show their set timer to the judge before starting their speech. They are to show the judge remaining time after their speech.”*

### 2006-2007

Posted 12/22/06:

- The Rules Committee voted that performing the same characters that appear in subsequent books, such as a sequel, does not violate the rule of duplicate material.

Posted 12/21/06:

- *Reference to: page 8: Ethics; G. 8. Competitors are required to follow the policy of no guns in schools. This includes fake or “toy” guns. Real weapons of any type are not allowed.” **Reminder – the prop weapons need to meet school safety / common sense criteria – no metal blades, no sharpened ends etc.***
- *Reference to: page 8: **H. Materials Used** - Duplicate materials.* The Rules Committee voted that performing the same characters that appear in subsequent books, such as a sequel, does not violate the rule of duplicate material.
- The Rules Committee voted that extempers may speak to each other in the draw room. However, extempers are encouraged to refrain from collaborating on speeches.

Posted 10/25/06:

- *Reference to: page 8: **H. Materials Used** - Duplicate materials.* The restriction on use of duplicate materials applies to **all** tournaments, not just divisionals and state.
- *Reference to: page 3: **C. Rules and Regulations** – Rule 1.* Reminder that invitational tournaments run under the same rules as divisional and state tournaments unless specifically stated in the invitation.