

The current rules for Informative Speaking, as adopted at the the fall 2022 meeting, include directions for judges to start timing the student as soon as they begin to set up any visual aides, rather than when the actual presentation begins. This rule is a carryover from the Demonstration rules, and did not match with any other WFCAs categories that allow for visual aids (Moments in History and Special Occasion).

Throughout the 2023 competition season, the timing rule has proven confusing for some judges and has been applied inconsistently. Since other categories have run just fine without the need to include set-up and strike as part of the part of the official timing, the Category Committee proposes the following changes to the rules for Informative Speaking:

Rule 4, current wording:

Maximum time limit: 10 minutes, including set up and strike down, with an allowable 15-second grace period. There is no minimum time requirement. Any entry exceeding the grace period may not be ranked first in the round. If all entries in a round exceed the grace period, no first rank shall be given in that round.

Rule 4, proposed wording:

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