

Proposal to address restarting in all categories.

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Summary:

Specify how to proceed when a student stops and asks to start over.

Rationale:

Occasionally students begin their performance, then after a few second or a few minutes, stop and ask the judge if they can start over. Many students are coached to keep on going if they make a mistake. If a student can ask for a restart without penalty at any time, this is unfair to the student who was coached to move ahead with the presentation. It is possible that once one student in a round asks for a do-over, subsequent students will follow suit if they make a mistake. Different judges may also handle the request for restarting differently. This proposal is to standardize the procedure for dealing with students who want to start over in a fair and standard way.

Proposal details:**Add the following wording to all categories:**

Add to rule 5 or 6 as it pertains to time limits: "Once the performance begins, if the speaker(s) ask to stop and start over, the timing clock will continue to run, and the fact of restarting is subject to critique."