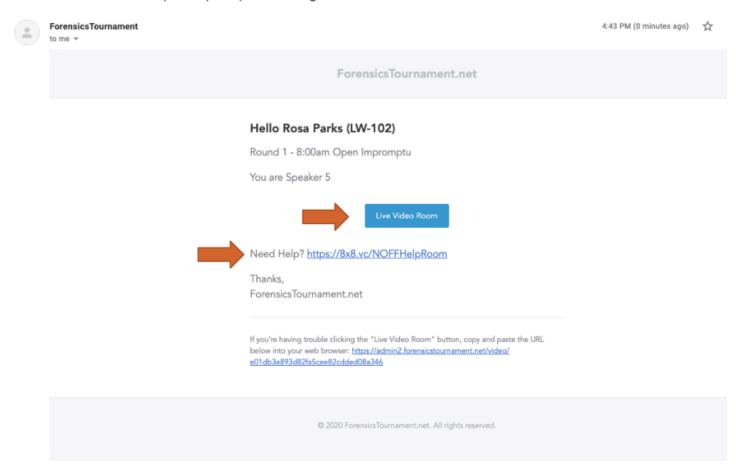# Competitor Logistics / Best Practices
For Online Tournaments using ForensicsTournament.net

● All competitors must have a verified text number or email saved on ForensicsTournament.net. Email is preferred.

● Coaches can save those (& verify) from the Student Roster page.

● Competitors will receive a text/email with their ePostings information. That message will have a link to view all postings for a particular round. See a sample ePosting email on the next page.

● The ePostings will have a link to a Live Video Room where they will present. Click that link to go to your round. No logins or passwords are required. Judges will be in the same Live Video Room to listen and rank the round. The tournament will be using the 8x8 video conference room software.

● Please do not immediately start to talk when entering a Live Video Room. Another student may be already performing. Please wait to be recognized by the judge.

● Students should remain in the Live Video Room as audience members with both video and audio on to the extent possible. Due to audio feedback loops or bandwidth issues, you may need to mute your audio or video feeds. But ideally, react to the performances like in a face-to-face round.

● Students can, if it fits their particular setup, sit while performing. Judges are instructed not to penalize students for sitting while speaking since the particular tech setup may work better while sitting.

● Students are also encouraged to use a mic/headphones since audio quality is much better than with an external mic. Judges are instructed not to penalize students for having mics/headphones on.

● We recognize this creates some challenges for certain events. But we trust in the ingenuity of the forensics community to adapt to this new environment. Some students may also have better quality video, lighting, sound, etc. We will all try our best.

● If a student's internet connection drops or audio quality is poor, they will be encouraged to call into the video conference room and give their speech with audio only. While not ideal, it will ensure all student's speeches are listened to by a judge. You can get the dial-in information from the info icon in the bottom right of the screen.

Sample ePosting Email

2020 NOFF Test Open Impromptu ePosting Inbox ×

ForensicsTournament
to me

4:43 PM (0 minutes ago)

Hello Rosa Parks (LW-102)

Round 1 - 8:00am Open Impromptu

You are Speaker 5

[Live Video Room]

Need Help? https://8x8.vc/NOFFHelpRoom

Thanks,
ForensicsTournament.net

If you're having trouble clicking the "Live Video Room" button, copy and paste the URL below into your web browser: https://admin2.forensicstournament.net/video/e01db3e893d82fa5cee82cdded08a346

Sample ePosting Text