



## Changes to the Individual Event (IE) Rules

### **\*\*The Highlights\*\***

Please **THOROUGHLY** read the National IE rules for all changes. This is just a list of the major changes but there are more changes throughout. **It is your responsibility to be aware of all the rules.**

1. **Performance/Presentation Attire for ALL events must be 100% black** - shirt, pants, skirt, shoes, socks, tights, stockings. No hats or costuming pieces are allowed.
2. **All Technical Events have A LOT of changes** so be sure to read the National Rules.
3. **Group Acting and Group Musical Theatre** will only be supplied with **1 table and SIX (6) chairs** for those events. (Solos/Monos still get 1 chair and duos get 2 chairs, no table)
4. For all Musical Theatre events (Solo, Duet & Group), **the Festival will supply one speaker with a 1/8" auxiliary cord**. NO CD players will be provided and Bluetooth is not guaranteed. You are encouraged to bring your own music device and cords but be sure it will play at an appropriate volume level.
5. For the **Short Film Event** - you need to follow the **submission rules via <http://getacceptd.com>** (page two of this document) and NOT a private YouTube post. If you earn a superior and wish to go on to Nationals, you will need to post your film via YouTube according to National Rules.
6. You DO NOT need to worry about getting performance rights for the State Festival. You would need to get it if you decided to take a superior-rated event to Nationals.
7. There is no use of any props or costumes or theatrical make-up.
8. All pieces must be from a published play or musical, NOT a movie script (if the play/musical was made into a movie, you must use the material from the original play/musical script not the movie script).
9. Individual Events may NOT be filmed.
10. For a quick reference, refer to pages 3 & 4 of the National IE Rules 2016-2017 – pdf link on the website. It is meant as general information guide. For more specific information and complete rules, read the entire National Individual Events Guide (the link is posted at [www.michiganthespians.org](http://www.michiganthespians.org) under Student Documents under Thespians Festival).