

Podcasting and Virtual Presentation Tips from ASGCT

Before joining a Zoom or recording an ASGCT presentation, please take 5 minutes to review these quick audio and internet tweaks to dramatically improve both your sound quality and internet connectivity. These simple steps can take your recording quality from amateur to pro level.

For Audio Quality

1. Use a dedicated USB microphone or headset instead of your computer's built-in microphone. External mics give much better sound quality. Bluetooth is OK, too! The goal use a microphone other than the wide-reaching mic built into your laptop.
2. Keep the correct distance from your microphone. Tabletop mics should be 3-6 inches from your mouth. If using a headset, make sure the boom arm is positioned close to your mouth. This prevents echoey or distant-sounding audio.
3. Silence all devices and notifications, including cell phones, email notification, Teams chats, and all applications other than recording tools.

For Internet Connectivity

1. If possible, directly connect your computer to your wifi router with an Ethernet cable instead of using wireless. This prevents choppy audio or video calls.
2. Close all bandwidth-hogging apps like Outlook, Teams, Netflix, or Spotify during recording sessions. You want the maximum possible bandwidth for your recording.
3. If your setup is prone to laggy internet issues, try rebooting your modem and router before recording. This clears any memory issues.