

Speech Rules

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About Me: Hi everyone, my name is Shreya Nagunuri and I am a rising junior in California. I absolutely love speech and debate and I have been competing for around 6 years now. I personally do all interpretations and I'm trying out originals. I also do debate as well! My favorite has to be parliamentary debate but I also love Lincoln-Douglas, Congress, and World Schools. I got involved in Cognitive Exchange in ninth grade and I am currently the VP of Advancements. I encourage you all to learn more about this amazing organization and find a way to get involved to spread speech and debate across the world. Below are the speech rules for this tournament, please read them carefully and email me if you have any questions. Good luck and have fun!

Events Offered

- Original Oratory/ Original Advocacy
- Interpretation (This includes DI, HI, and OI)
- Extemporaneous
- Impromptu

Rules For All Events

Competitors shall refer to the NSDA High School Unified Manual 2019-2020 to see all rules regarding the Speech event at the NOVA Invitational

- No visual aids are permitted for any events
- Competitors are allowed to double enter
- All events will be live!

Interpretations:

- 10 minute time limit with a 30 second grace period. If a competitor goes beyond the grace period, they may not be ranked 1st in the round. Judges are responsible for timing performances.
- Material allowed: Please refer to pg 45 of the NSDA High School Event Rules Manual to see specific selection rules for interpretation events.
- Competitors are prohibited to use physical objects, costuming, or miming.
- Selections must be performed by memory without any aid.
- Monologues, prose, and poetry selections are acceptable in Dramatic, Humorous, and Oratorical Interpretation

Originals:

1. Subject: This subject of this speech may be on anything that the speaker would like to talk about. It can be to persuade or to advocate, whatever you can imagine you can write.
2. Contest: This contest comprises only memorized orations actually composed by the contestants and not used by them during a previous contest season. No visual aids are permitted.
3. Length: The time limit in Original Oratory is ten minutes with a 30-second "grace period." Should a student go beyond the grace period, the student may not be ranked 1st. There is no other prescribed penalty for going over the grace period. The ranking is up to each individual judge's discretion. Judges who choose to time are to use accurate (stopwatch function) timing devices. No minimum time is mandated.
4. Quotation: Not more than 150 words of the oration may be direct quotation from any other speech or writing and such quotations must be identified in a printed copy of the oration supplied prior to registration. Extensive paraphrasing from other sources is prohibited.
5. Script: The orator's script must identify the quoted materials, state the number of quoted words, and include a work cited page in APA or MLA format. It is the responsibility of the contestant to have a script ready upon request should the speech be challenged.
6. Re-Use: A student may not use an oration the student used in district or national competition in any previous contest year.

Extemporaneous:

This event will be in the national division, covering questions that will cover the domestic affairs of the United States.

- Drawing: All students will go to their selected room thirty minutes early to receive topics. At the thirty-minute mark, the first speaker will get their topic. The judge will choose a question that will be provided to them. Every seven minutes a competitor will draw a topic, will prep for 30 minutes, and will be ready to present in front of the judge.
- Due to the nature of the online tournament, competitors will be allowed to access the internet in round. However, we highly encourage competitors to prepare sources, published books, magazines, newspapers and journals or articles beforehand.
- Contestants may use an online document or word doc (ex. Google Docs, Word, Pages) or handwritten notecards during the performance. We ask for the integrity of competitors that they do not make changes to this word doc during their performance.
- 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period. If a competitor goes beyond the grace period, they may not be ranked 1st in the round. Judges are responsible for time performances.
- There will be no cross-examination period at this tournament. - Specific extemporaneous speaking instructions: Prior to the drawing at the round start time, all competitors are expected to be in the call. At 7 minute intervals, judges will distribute competitors' questions. When it is time for the first speaker to compete, all other competitors in the room will be deafened. After a competitor performed, they may be undeafened to hear other speeches. Judges will undeafened speakers when it is time for them to compete, in addition to notifying them in the chat

Impromptu:

Topics: proverbs, abstract words, events, quotations, and famous people

- A judge in the room will run an online randomizer three times and privately message that to the first speaker. The first speaker will then select their topic of choice.
- 5 minute speech time with 15 second grace period. Two minute prep time. If a competitor goes beyond the grace period, they may not be ranked 1st in the round. Judges are responsible for time performances.
- Once a speaker has spoken, they may listen to others in the round. - Specific Impromptu instructions: At 5 minute intervals, competitors will select a topic out of the 3 randomized and the 2 minute timer will begin. All competitors for that round are expected to be in the call; however, they will be deafened until they give their speech. Competitors will be undeaf and notified in the chat when it is their time to speak.