

# Tournament Invitation

The Speech Tournament at the End of the Universe is a free tournament offering Extemp, Experimental Extemp, Impromptu, and Extemp Debate to high school, middle school and college students.

## Important Dates:

Wednesday August 11th: Last day to register/ drop

Friday, August 13th: Judge Training at 7:00 PM CDT

Saturday, August 14th and Sunday, August 15th: Tournament

## Tournament Procedures:

This tournament will be run using Tabroom and so all non-independent entries should sign up on Tabroom. If you are unable to sign up on Tabroom, please use the [Independent Entry Sign Up Form](#). Make sure to join your events Remind using the Remind codes listed below.

Being a virtual tournament, procedures can be a little more complicated. In order to help get everybody on the same page, a competitor meeting going over logistics and technology usage will be held Saturday morning in the main session of the tournament Zoom.

All rounds will take place in Zoom breakout rooms. A list of links will be posted on Tabroom prior to the start of the tournament. For competitors in extemp, the competitor should go to the Zoom breakout room labeled extemp prep at the start of extemp draw. Topics will be given out using the chat in that Zoom room. After prep, they should join the breakout room they have been assigned to speak in. Speakers in elim extemp rounds are expected to stay for cross examination. Competitors in Impromptu should go to their speaking room as soon as the round starts. Topics for impromptu will be given out using the chat. If possible, speakers should speak standing up and try to make their gestures visible. Competitors who have headsets with microphones may find that they make this easier.

Extemp debate will have four prelim rounds. Debaters who one more than three of their rounds will be recognized at a virtual awards ceremony. Extemp debate will likely be double flighted. If it is double flighted, competitors in flight one should head to the extemp debate prep breakout room when flight one prep is listed as starting. Competitors in flight two will start prep twenty minutes after flight one and should head to prep at the listed as flight two prep on the tabroom blast. Extemp debate can be done sitting or standing, but speakers should have their cameras on if possible.

Speakers in all events are encouraged to spectate, provided the speaker is okay with it and the observer is muted. Spectators who wish to help their fellow competitors by providing them with extra feedback may fill out [the spectator feedback form](#).

If any speech event has more than 24 entries, there will be a semifinal round. The top 6 in each speech event will be mentioned at a virtual awards ceremony.

**Dress Code:**

Being a virtual tournament, formal or semi-formal attire is preferred, but not mandated. Competitors will not be docked for showing up in jeans and a T-shirt.

**Remind Codes:**

Please text the codes that apply to you to 810-10 to receive messages from the tournament.

Tournament General Remind/ Helpline: @uniend

All independent entries not signed up using Tab: @uniind

**Event Patterns:**

Pattern A: Extemp, Extemp Debate

Pattern B: Impromptu, Experimental Extemp

Competitors may enter only one event in each pattern.

**Judging Information:**

Being a free virtual tournament, there are no formal requirements that competitors/schools provide judges. If there is a judge shortage, schools that do not provide judges would be the first to be dropped. Anyone who is over the age of 18 or who has been competing in Speech and Debate for at least two years can judge. Judges should sign up on Tabroom (email us if you need help figuring that out) and with the [judge sign up form](#). More information can be found in the judging instructions.