

## Extemporaneous Speaking

1. **Divisions:** Two divisions of Extemporaneous Speaking will be held at the district and national level:
  - A. **United States Division:** Questions will cover U.S. domestic and U.S. foreign policy.
  - B. **International Division:** Questions will cover the domestic affairs of foreign countries and the foreign affairs of all countries, including the United States.
2. **Topics:** The district chair will obtain a list of questions phrased for contest use and based on subjects discussed in periodicals during the current school year. The contents of the list must not be disclosed except as contestants draw questions. A new subject area will be used for each round with no duplication of questions between the divisions.
3. **Entry:** At the National Tournament, no student is allowed to enter both divisions in a single contest year. Each district has the autonomy to determine whether double entry in Extemporaneous Speaking events is allowed. The decision of the District Committee is final.
4. **Drawing:** Thirty minutes before the contest is to begin, the first speaker draws three questions and chooses one. Depending on tournament policy, they may return the other two questions or they may have a unique set of questions for each speaker position. At the National Tournament, each speaker position will receive a unique set of three questions to choose from. The other contestants draw in like manner, in the order of speaking, at intervals of seven minutes. A contestant drawing a question on which they have spoken previously in the tournament must return it and draw again.
5. **Preparation:** As soon as a question is chosen, the contestant will prepare a speech without consultation and without references to prepared notes. Students may consult published books, magazines, newspapers and journals or articles, provided:
  - A. They are originals or copies of whole pages.
  - B. Provided those originals or copies are uncut.
  - C. There is no written material on that original or copy other than citation information.
  - D. Topical index without annotation may be present.

No other material will be allowed in the Extemp prep room other than stated above. Extemp speeches, handbooks, briefs and outlines are prohibited from the Extemp prep room. Underlining or highlighting in Extemp will be allowed if done in only one color on each article or copy. The National Tournament permits use of internet during Extemp prep per the Current Guidelines for Use of Internet-Enabled Devices in Extemporaneous Speaking. Printed copies of information from online computer services may be used. Electronically retrieved evidence used in any Association Extemp competition must conform to the citation standard of the Modern Language Association [consult the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* (7th edition) or <http://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/05/>].

6. **Notes:** Contestants may make notes during the preparation time, but the use of notes, cards, briefs or other aids is prohibited during the speech.
7. **Time:** The time limit in both Extemporaneous Speaking events is seven minutes with a 30-second “grace period. “If there are multiple judges in the round, all must agree that the student has gone beyond the 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.
8. **Recuse:** Contestants may not leave the preparation area until dismissed by the Extemp proctor. Consultation with any person other than the Extemp proctor between the time of drawing and time of speaking is prohibited.
9. **Cross-Examination:** Each district has the autonomy to determine whether cross-examination will be used in the final round of Extemporaneous Speaking events at the district tournament. The National Tournament will utilize an open-cross examination period of two minutes for both the semifinal and final rounds. If cross-examination is used, the district must use the National Tournament final round format. The decision of the District Committee is final.

*Procedure:* Each speaker shall be assigned a speaker order position. Drawing shall take place at 12-minute intervals. Thirty minutes after speaker first has drawn, speakers first and last shall enter the contest room. Speaker first shall give a speech and speaker last shall listen and may take notes. At the conclusion of speaker first's speech, speaker last

shall question speaker first for two minutes. Speaker last shall return to the prep room and speaker first shall stay and question speaker second. Speaker second will question speaker third, etc. Unless it is unavoidable, students from the same school shall not cross-examine one another. Speaker order should be adjusted accordingly.

10. **Observation:** Students in Extemporaneous Speaking are encouraged, but not required, to stay and watch the remaining speakers after they deliver their speech. Students who are double entered may be able to observe as time permits.

### **CURRENT GUIDELINES for Use of Internet-Enabled Devices in Extemporaneous Speaking**

**These rules will be used at the National Tournament.** These rules are required for any district tournament whose debate events are held online. If a district tournament does not state otherwise, these guidelines will govern their contest. Districts may choose to use the Previous Guidelines for Use of Internet-Enabled Devices in Extemporaneous Speaking provided they notify their district 60 days in advance. **The rules regarding use of generative artificial intelligence at the 2024 National Tournament can be found in the National Tournament manual on page 107.**

- A. **Preparation:** As soon as a question is chosen, the contestant will prepare a speech without consultation and without references to prepared notes. Students may consult published books, magazines, newspapers and journals or articles, including internet enabled devices either used in the draw or those materials published from internet sources, provided:
  1. They are originals or copies of whole pages.
  2. Provided those originals or copies are uncut.
  3. There is no written material on that original or copy other than citation information.
  4. Topical index without annotation may be present.
  5. Files stored either on a computer or electronic device hard drive or cloud storage system. All files in this format must meet the same guidelines as printed sources.
  6. Active research from the internet during the round that meets the established criteria found in the "Guidelines for Use of Internet Enabled Devices."
- B. No other material will be allowed in the Extemp prep room other than stated above. Extemp speeches, handbooks, briefs and outlines, including those stored on cloud storage systems or published on websites created for that purpose, are prohibited from the Extemp prep room. Students may not use the internet to gain help from coaches, other students, or any person, such that it would prevent the speech from being the original work of the competitor. Students are prohibited from accessing outlines and speeches that have been written prior to their draw time. Underlining or highlighting in Extemp will be allowed if done in only one color on each article or copy. **Electronic device use must comply with the "Guidelines for Use of Internet-Enabled Devices in Debate Events."** Printed copies of information from online computer services may be used. Electronically retrieved evidence used in any Association Extemp competition must conform to the same citation standards as evidence used in debate events as described in the Unified Manual.

8. **Generative Artificial Intelligence:** At the 2024 National Tournament, in events in which speeches must be the original created work of a competitor (OO, INF, IX, USX, SW, EXC, IMP), students are prohibited from quoting or paraphrasing text directly from generative AI sources. Generative AI should *not be cited as a source*. The exception is that a student delivering a speech about the topic of AI may quote AI to illustrate their points about AI, in accordance

with existing quoted word limits. While generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and sources, the original source of any quoted or paraphrased evidence must be available if requested.

In debate events, generative AI should *not be cited as a source*; while generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and sources, the original source of any quoted or paraphrased evidence must be available if requested.

In Interpretation events, students are prohibited from performing material created by generative AI sources. Generative AI should *not be used as a source of material*; while generative AI may be used to guide students to articles, ideas, and material, the original source of any material that is performed must be available if requested.

## CURRENT GUIDELINES for Use of Internet-Enabled Devices in Debate Events

These rules apply to Policy Debate, Public Forum Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Big Questions Debate. These rules are used at the National Tournament. These rules are required for any district tournament whose debate events are held online. If a district tournament does not state otherwise, these guidelines will govern their contest. Districts may choose to use the Previous Guidelines for Use of Internet-Enabled Devices in Extemporaneous Speaking provided they notify their district 60 days in advance. The rules regarding use of generative artificial intelligence at the 2024 National Tournament can be found in the National Tournament manual on page 107.

- A. Contestants may use electronic devices (including laptop computers, tablets, and/or cell phones) to access the internet during debate rounds with the following conditions:
  - 1. Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information for competitive advantage from non-competitors (coaches, assistant coaches, other non-competing students) inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs. Information that would be restricted would include but not be limited to coach/non-participating competitor generated arguments, advice on arguments to run, questions to ask during cross examination, and other information not generated by the participating competitors in your round.
  - 2. Internet access may be used to retrieve files, exchange evidence and/or arguments, research arguments, and partner to partner communication, and communication between other participants in the round. These electronic device guidelines do not limit communication between debate partners during the debate round.
- B. Penalty: Contestants found to have violated these provisions will be disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit all rounds and merit points in that event.
- C. Availability of Evidence: Contestants electing to use computers have the responsibility to promptly provide a copy of any evidence read in a speech for inspection by the judge or opponent. Printers may be used. Evidence

may be printed in the round or produced electronically but must be provided in a format readable by the opposing team and the judge.

- D. Contestants electing to use computers are responsible for providing their own computers, batteries, extension cords, and all other necessary accessories. Tournament hosts will not be responsible for providing computers, printers, software, paper, or extension cords for contestants. Host schools may provide wireless internet access, but will not guarantee that contestants will be able to gain access when needed.
- E. Contestants choosing to use laptop computers and/or related devices accept the risk of equipment failure. Judges and/or contest directors will give no special consideration or accommodation, including no additional speech time or prep time, should equipment failure occur.
- F. By choosing to use electronic devices in the round, debaters and other relevant parties are consenting to give tournament officials the right to search their devices in the event of a protest. The device may only be searched by tournament officials and must be restricted to files and/or electronic exchanges relevant to the protest. Failure to comply would result in the upholding of the protest. Debaters and coaches should be present as their device is searched. Debaters who do not wish to consent should not use electronic devices in the round.