



Hello and welcome to the Gilbert Water Tower Speech Tournament! We're so glad you're here. This is a Speech ONLY tournament where we also have some Nationals events so students can gain some experience with performing those events we don't normally do here in Arizona. =)

This is jointly hosted by Gilbert High School and Mesquite High School. We hope you enjoy!

Tournament Location and Address:

Gilbert High School
1101 E. Elliot Road, Gilbert, AZ 85234

Payment address is different! Please see below.

EVENTS OFFERED: High School

The following events will be offered at our tournament for high school: Original Oratory, Informative, POI, DI, HI, Duo, Original Spoken Word Poetry, Poetry Interp, Prose, Storytelling, Mixed (US/I) Extemp, Expository, Commentary, Impromptu, and Radio Duos.

Students will NOT be allowed to double-enter in Extemp and Radio Duos. OSW will be conducted with Arizona rules as to offer students the most amount of feedback on the most poems for Nationals.

OSW AZ Rules: **Prelims:** 3 poems required, up to 3 minutes each. 5 second grade period. **Semis:** one poem that was performed in the prelims (3 mins, 5 sec grade period). **Finals:** all three poems in a row; 10 minute time limit. NO grace period. No intro, but students should have a collection title of some kind. **Black book is optional, but preference should be given to NO black book.**

Radio Duos is a limited prep event similar to both Extemp and Impromptu. Students are given a packet of tasks with articles all centered around a random theme. They are given 30 minutes to come up with a 5 minute “top of the hour radio program” (like a mini-podcast). No props/digital sound effects are allowed; only what voice and sounds students can make with their body. Judges sit facing away from the performers (judges also have the task list), so that they can enjoy the program as if it were on the radio. **Performances are 5 minutes with a 5 second grace period on either side (4:55 to 5:05 is perfectly fine) but after that, points should be taken off for lack of timing. Performances should include all tasks and should be entertaining (they don’t have to be funny, but they should be fun/interesting).**

EVENTS OFFERED: Middle School

The following events will be offered at our tournament for middle school: Original Oratory, Duo, Impromptu, Storytelling, Declamation, Prose, Radio Duos.

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ENTRIES

ALL PREPARED PIECES MUST INCLUDE TITLE, AUTHOR(S), and BIBLIOGRAPHY. Yell at Marissa Hart about this; it’s for preparation for Nationals - they are very strict about these things, so better to be prepared now. marissa.hart@gilbertschools.net

High School:

You may enter as many students per event as you have judges for. There is a team fee of \$30 and each entry costs \$7. (Duos and Radio Duos will cost \$14 per entry.)

Important Notes:

- Students will NOT be allowed to double-enter in Extemp and Radio.
- Students may enter in up to TWO speech events.

Middle School:

You may enter as many students per event as you have judges for. There is a team fee of \$15, and entries will be \$5 per individual event and \$10 per duo event.

FOOD AND DRINKS

Food and drinks will be available to purchase at the school. Please advise students to bring cash.

Please bring a refillable water bottle as there are refilling stations on campus for you to use.

Judges will be provided breakfast, lunch, and some snacks throughout the day.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

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7:30 AM	Extemp/Radio/Commentary Draw (in Library)
7:45 AM	Judges' / Coaches' Meeting (Tiger Hall)
8:00 AM	IE Round 1
9:30 AM	IE Round 2
11:00 AM	IE Round 3
2:00 PM	IE Semis (If needed)
4:00 PM	IE Finals
6:30 PM	Awards

Of course, times are subject to change.

JUDGES/FEES

All teams must bring one judge per: 5 competitors in IE.

Please train judges appropriately (although we will have basic information about each event available at the info table for judges) and **advise them to bring an electronic device** - we will be using Tabroom for ballots at the Water Tower.

Judges MUST be aware that the choice to wear a mask (or not) SHOULD NOT affect the score of the competitor.

Judges should also be advised NOT to disclose decisions during preliminary rounds. Short feedback is fine. Please leave most of the judging comments on the ballot so that we can run as close to on time as possible.

ENTRY DEADLINES/PAYMENT

Registration opens 1/1/2025 at 10:00 AM and closes 1/31 at 5:00 PM. Changes can be made until 02/05 at 5:00 PM.

BILLING ADDRESS:

Gilbert Public Schools

ATTN: Gilbert High School Speech and Debate

140 S Gilbert Rd

Gilbert AZ 85296

CONTACT INFORMATION AND DAY-OF PARKING

Please email Kaylee Peelen with questions or concerns at kaylee.peelen@gilbertschools.net.

Buses and vans should park in the student parking lot off of Elliot Road at Lakeview Drive. Enter the campus through the cafeteria doors. Additional parking is available in the faculty lot off of Tiger Drive. Enter through the front doors closest to the auditorium.

Check-in table for teams and judges will be in Tiger Hall by the glass hallway.

Students may congregate in the hall, cafeteria, or picnic tables outside. Judge lounge is adjacent to the cafeteria in the faculty lunch room. Extemp and Radio prep will be in the library.

We're so excited to host this unique tournament and we can't wait to see you on February 8! Please don't hesitate to email Ms. Peelen with any questions.

Thank you!

Ms. Kaylee Peelen, GHS Head Coach and Site Director, **and Ms. Marissa Hart**, MHS Head Coach and Tab Director

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