

Greetings:

A few notes on the rule for Extemp for competitors and coaches.

This tournament is the final CCSR league tournament before the League Championship/State Qualifier which must follow the same rules as the CHSSA state championship. As such we want to do our best to begin following those rules at this tournament. A caveat; due to wifi issues many of you may not be able to use your own computers at the tournament on Saturday. Redlands High School will have some laptops available for extemp competitors to use, and hotspots set up in extemp prep, and there is the possibility that you may be able to get online if you have a personal hotspot that can connect. With those considerations, here are some rules for extemp that we will enforce with reprimand and order to cease on Saturday, and will enforce with the possibility of loss of rank or disqualification at State Quals:

YOU MAY NOT HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION either on paper or electronically any old Extemp speeches, outlines for speeches, or briefs.

YOU MAY NOT USE A COMPUTER TO WRITE OR ORGANIZE YOUR THOUGHTS all writing must be done on paper. You can use a computer for research, but not for writing or composing. It is only an electronic information retrieval device.

YOU MAY NOT SHARE A COMPUTER WITH ANOTHER COMPETITOR. Why? I don't know. I'm on the committee. I asked. No one had a good answer. The rule passed anyway.

CELL PHONES, AIRPODS, HEADPHONES, and any other electronic earplugs are prohibited in the prep room. It is to prevent cheating. We don't want people getting information in their ears from people outside the room. Would they do that? Yes. So, you have to be without aural stimulation for the entire duration of the preparation period. You will survive. Humans lived for millions of years before the invention of recorded music.

YOU MAY NOT HAVE YOUR LAPTOP PLUGGED IN to an outlet in the prep room. We will not enforce this rule at Redlands on Saturday, because many of the computers will belong to Redlands High School. The point is that you will need to charge your computer between rounds somewhere that is not the prep room.

YOU MAY use the internet to research, But you may not use it to communicate, and you may not use any AI applications. **OBVIOUSLY**, you can't use AI to write a speech for you or even give you an outline. Google AI Assist, is AI. Don't use it. That is cheating. Don't do it. Report anyone else doing it.