

REMINDER OF EXTEMP RULES FOR COMPETITORS:

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 people do that? Yes. So, you must be without aural stimulation for the entire duration of the preparation period. You will survive. Humans lived for hundreds of thousands of years before the invention of recorded music.

YOU MAY NOT HAVE YOUR LAPTOP PLUGGED IN to an outlet in the prep room. 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.