



Extemporaneous is a limited preparation event in which the speaker is given a limited amount of time to prepare a speech on a current event topic.

EXTEMPORANEOUS EVENT RULES

- The speech must be an original work prepared during the designated prep time. The speaker must speak on one of the three questions drawn in the round.
- Topics are posed as questions that refer to events in the news during the past 90 days. Preliminary rounds will include an international round, a domestic round, and an economic round of questions. Out rounds will provide each speaker a mixed set of questions taken from international/domestic/economic/diverse topics.
- All judges will have a list of topics for the round.
- Each speech should be evaluated on the quality of the analysis and presentation, not the opinions presented. Speakers are permitted to express opinions that are contrary to those of the judge.
- The speaker must state the chosen question early in the speech. A one rank penalty is required for failure to do so.
- The question that the speaker chooses must be the central theme of the speech and not peripheral to it. A one rank penalty is required for failure to discuss the question.
- Speakers will report to the Extemp Prep room at their designated time to draw their questions. Speakers have 30 minutes prep time starting at their assigned draw time. Unused preparation time may not be added to the speaking time.
- A clock or other timepiece is to be visible to the speaker during prep time.
- Speakers may refer to published books, magazines, newspaper articles, and other written sources during prep time. Speakers may not bring previously prepared Extemporaneous speech outlines into the prep room nor ask for prep help or advice from anyone.
- Computers, phones or other electronic devices may not be used during prep time.
- The speaker may make notes on one 3x5 card to ensure he has accurate information to use in citing the sources he will use in his speech. The speaker may hold and use this card during the presentation. The speaker may also hold and quote from the slip of draw questions, but no notes may be written on this paper.
- Humor and satire are permitted.
- All individual and club boxes must be labeled. Speakers are not allowed to use another club's or individual's box without written permission from the club's coach or the individual's parent. Written permission must be submitted to the Tournament Director prior to the beginning of the tournament.

- Access to the Extemp Prep Room is controlled by the Prep Room Director during the competition round, and speakers will comply with access protocols, escort procedures, and other directions from the Room Director.
- Gratuitous vulgarity is not allowed. Gratuitous vulgarity refers to vulgar, obscene, or profane language or gestures that are included for shock value.
- Props and audiovisuals are not allowed. This refers to any physical item that might be used to animate or illustrate the speech.
- Speakers may not listen to other Extemporaneous speakers before speaking themselves. They may remain in the room after giving their speech. Speakers will not disclose the topics to other individuals until after the round has finished.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- Time limit: 30-minute preparation time; 7-minute maximum speaking time; no minimum time.