

# Extemporaneous

**Description:** *In Extemporaneous speaking the competitor answers a given question based on a recent event in the news. The competitor researches national and international current events and may create reference files of newsworthy information.*

**Goal:** *To develop a well-informed student who can critically evaluate current issues by expressing his position on a given question.*

## **Extemporaneous Preparation Rules:**

1. In Extemporaneous speaking the competitor, alone or as part of a club, prepares by researching national and international current events and may create reference files of newsworthy information.
2. Information files may be stored and organized on hard copies in file boxes or electronically.
3. The speech must be an original work, prepared during the Extemporaneous preparation time.
4. Competitors may not bring pre-written speeches or outlines into the Extemporaneous Preparation Room.
5. Each competitor must do his own work and must not ask for topic information from anyone else.
6. Competitors may not use cell phones or any other electronic devices to contact anyone during Extemp prep time.
7. Use of the Internet or accessing information located outside the Extemp Prep Room during the round is forbidden.

## **Extemporaneous Administration Rules:**

1. Competitors should arrive at the Extemp Prep Room at the beginning of their posted preparation time.
2. Competitors may not be in the Extemp Prep Room during the round except during their own prep time.
3. In the Extemp Prep Room the competitor will receive a set of three (3) topic questions, which he may keep.
4. Competitors have thirty (30) minutes to prepare a seven (7) minute speech using their stored information.
5. Tardiness will not extend Extemp prep time.
6. The competitor may leave the Extemp Prep Room early to practice his speech.
7. The competitor must not talk to other competitors or access information for the speech after leaving the Extemp Prep Room.
8. Competitors are responsible for the security of their electronic equipment and file boxes.
9. Tournaments are not expected or required to provide power sources for electronic devices.
10. All file boxes and/or electronic devices must be labeled with the name of the competitor and club.
11. A competitor must not use another competitor's or club's files without the written permission of the coach or parent of the loaning competitor. This permission must be submitted to the Extemp Room Proctor before the competitor uses the files. If computers are shared, open files must be closed before use by others.
12. Competitors are responsible to know and abide by the Stoa Extemp Prep Room Protocol.
13. A list of possible topics will be given to each of the judges in the competition room.

## **Extemporaneous Presentation Rules:**

1. At the conclusion of his 30 minutes of Extemp prep time, the competitor must go immediately to the competition room. Speakers are timed to speak every 10 minutes; it is important to be on time.
2. The Extemporaneous competitor must take a position on one of the given questions and support that position with analysis and outside evidence (e.g., Question: Will NAFTA eliminate jobs in Mexico? Or "How will NAFTA eliminate jobs in Mexico?")
3. Nothing may be used during the competitor's speech other than one 3" x 5" card and topic paper.
4. The competitor must state the given question early in the speech and adhere to the question posed.
5. No audio or visual aids or props may be used during speech presentation.
6. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
7. Competitors must not listen to other Extemporaneous competitors speaking before them.
8. Maximum speaking time is seven (7) minutes.

**Preparation time – thirty (30) minutes. Speaking time – seven (7) minutes. No minimum time.**

