

Extemporaneous

Description: *In Extemporaneous speaking, the competitor answers a given question based on recent events in the news. The competitor researches national and international current events and may create reference files of newsworthy information. Extemporaneous speech should be regarded as a demonstration of personal knowledge on the topic, as well as an original synthesis of numerous sources.*

Goal: *To develop a well-informed student who can critically evaluate current issues by expressing his/her position on a given question. The speech should be delivered with credible, pertinent, and sufficient evidence to support his/her position on the topic.*

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 which may be stored and organized on hard copies in file boxes or electronically.
2. The speech must be an original work, prepared during the Extemporaneous Preparation time. Competitors may not bring pre-written speeches or outlines into the Extemporaneous Preparation Room.
3. Use of the Internet or accessing information located outside the Extemp Preparation Room during the round is forbidden.
4. Each competitor must do his/her own work and must not talk to others or access information for the speech before or after leaving the Extemp Preparation Room.
5. Competitors may not use cell phones or any other electronic devices to contact anyone during Extemp Preparation time or before presenting their speech.

Extemporaneous Administration Rules:

1. Competitors should arrive at the Extemp Preparation Room at the beginning of their posted preparation time.
2. Competitors may not be in the Extemp Preparation Room during the round except during their own preparation time.
3. Tardiness will not extend Extemp Preparation time. If a competitor is late to the Extemp Prep Room, they will have less time to prepare their speech in order to speak on schedule.
4. In the Extemp Preparation Room, the competitor will receive a set of three (3) topic questions which he/she may keep.
5. Competitors have thirty (30) minutes to prepare a seven (7) minute speech **and arrive at their competition room.**
Competitors are responsible for arriving at the competition room by the required speaking time.
6. Competitors are responsible for the security of their electronic equipment and file boxes.
7. Tournaments are not required nor expected to provide power sources for electronic devices.
8. All file boxes and/or electronic devices must be labeled with the name of the competitor and club.
9. A competitor must not use another competitor's or club's files without the 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. If hard copies are shared, they must be re-filed before given to another competitor.
10. Competitors are responsible to know and abide by the Stoa Extemp Preparation Room Protocol.
11. A list of possible topics will be given to each of the judge(s) in the competition room.

Extemporaneous Presentation Rules:

1. Speakers are timed to speak every 10 minutes. Tournaments will post competitor preparation times and speaking times.
2. The competitor must state the given question early in the speech and adhere to the question posed. He/she will take a position on that question and support that position with analysis and outside evidence.
3. Nothing may be used during the competitor's speech other than one 3" x 5" card and topic paper.
4. No audio or visual aids or props may be used during speech presentation.
5. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
6. Competitors may not listen to other Extemporaneous competitors speaking before them.
7. Timepiece must be **facing toward the competitor and counting up.** Local tournaments may still choose to give hand signals every minute until seven (7) minutes have elapsed.
8. Maximum speaking time is seven (7) minutes. There is no minimum time requirement.
9. Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going over time by fifteen (15) seconds or more.

Preparation time – thirty (30) minutes. Speaking time – seven (7) minutes.