

Executive Summary of Speech Document Changes for 2022-2023

Ballots

1. Platform Ballots: Added “appropriate” to pathos criterion.
2. Persuasive - Added “Advocates a specific position or course of action” as a Content criterion.
3. Mars Hill: Reworked Content criteria to include “Addresses current cultural relevance” and “Explains the impact of the subject”.
4. Apologetics: No changes other than to move “Demonstrates importance of topic” to bottom of section.
5. Extemp: Made changes to ethos and pathos description.
6. Impromptu: Changed “States and adhere to the topic” to “States topic early”. Added a criterion: “Keeps the prompt as the central theme”.
7. Interp Ballots: Moved “Purposeful physical movements” to Theater of the Mind. Moved “Creative interpretation” to Overall Impression, replacing “Total Effectiveness”.

Rules

8. All rules: Highlighted language as a reminder for students on presentation of their speech, **“The speech must be memorized and delivered as written in the script.”**
9. Platforms:
 - a. Changed “cited in the text of the speech” to “cited parenthetically” to clarify that it refers to Parenthetical Citations.
 - b. Reworded Rule #5 to clarify that it must be within the same competitive season: “The speech may be entered in only one event per tournament. The competitor may place the speech in a different event within the same competitive season.”
10. Expository:
 - a. Reworded Presentation Rule #9 to include the second sentence: “The presentation area must be left in the same condition as it was prior to the speech. Any liquids, art mediums, and/or chemicals must be secured to avoid facility damage.”
 - b. Reworded Preparation Rule #9 to include the second sentence: “A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of directly quoted material. This includes any audio and/or video clip used within the presentation.”
11. Apologetics: Clarified Presentation Rule #9, “No electronic media may be used during the preparation time or the presentation of the speech itself.”
12. Mars Hill: Clarified Presentation Rule #6, “No electronic media may be used during the preparation time or the presentation of the speech itself.”
13. Impromptu: Reworked Presentation Rules #1 and #2, **“The speaker must state the chosen prompt early in the speech.** The prompt may be approached literally or figuratively, but it must be the central theme of the speech.”
14. Interpretations:
 - a. Revised wording concerning added words when referring to the source material, “When identifying the source material, the following are not considered added words: the title, the author(s), and the words “by” and “and”.” This affected the following rules:
 - i. DI - Preparation Rule #7

- ii. Duo Preparation Rule #7
- iii. HI - Preparation Rule #7
- b. Revised wording to clarify plagiarism, “Competitors may not copy the cutting and/or blocking of a previous speech and/or video. See the **Stoa Plagiarism Policy.**” This affected the following rules:
 - i. DI - Preparation Rule #3
 - ii. Duo - Preparation Rule #3
 - iii. HI - Preparation Rule #3
 - iv. OI - Preparation Rule #3

Question/Topic List

- 15. Apologetics Questions - Replaced 8 questions.
- 16. Mars Hill Topics - Updated topic list with new titles in various categories.