

Executive Summary of Speech Document Changes for 2023-2024

Ballots:

1. Reworked formatting on all the ballots
2. Reworked wording on the ballots

Rules:

Interps - DI, HI, Duo, Interp in a Box:

1. Rule #1 - Reworded self-publishing rule: “Interpretive literature may come from a variety of genres including plays, prose, or poetry, but the selection must be from a single **published** work, and it cannot be authored or self-published by the competitor or a previous competitor.”
2. Rule #3 - Reworded copying: “Competitors may not copy the added words, cutting and/or blocking of a previous speech and/or video.”
3. Rule #5 - Created “Added words” section from various rules: “A maximum of 150 words may be added.
 - a. Added words may be used to create introductions, conclusions, and transitions between the author’s words, phrases, and/or ideas. Joining together disconnected words and/or phrases from the source to create new thoughts or ideas is counted as added words.
 - b. The competitor may quote material external to the published work in the introduction only and must cite the source verbally. External material (other sources, book covers, reviews, prefaces, etc.) must be counted as part of the 150 added words.
 - c. When identifying the source material, the following are not considered added words: the title, the author(s), and the words “by” and “and”.
 - d. Changes to pronouns, verb tenses, and character names are allowed and not counted as added words.
 - e. Words from the original source may be repeated without being counted as added words.”
4. Rule #10 - Clarified Script submission source material: “The title page, copyright page, and original source pages must be from the same source.”

Interps - OI:

1. Rule #3 - Reworded copying: “Competitors may not copy the added words, cutting and/or blocking of a previous speech and/or video.”
2. Rule #11 - Clarified script submission source material. “The title page, copyright page, and original source pages must be from the same source.”

Platforms:

1. OO, Expos, Pers - Presentation Rule #1: Clarified verbal citations: “Any information that comes from source material must be cited orally within the body of the speech.”
3. Expository:
 - a. Presentation Rule #3 - Changed wording regarding assistance: “Competitors may not receive or access any verbal, non-verbal, electronic, and/or written

communication, nor any form of visual or physical assistance during setup and/or delivery of the speech."

- b. Presentation Rule #7 - Changed wording regarding set up: "Each competitor has approximately two minutes for setup. They must set up and remove props and other aids without assistance. Physical restrictions may be accommodated with approval from the Tournament Director."
- c. Reworded Presentation Rule #11 and 12 wording to match IBox wording and moved to Rules 8 and 9:
 - i. Rule 8: "The following are prohibited from use as props: weapons (real, fake, or toy), any bladed instruments including food preparation knives of any material, explosives, incendiary devices, live animals, and/or facility/tournament furniture."
 - ii. Rule 9: "Any liquids, art supplies/mediums, and/or chemicals must be secured to avoid facility damage."

Mars Hill:

1. Rules: Added Disclaimer: "The views expressed in the MH topics do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of Stoa, the Board, or the Speech Committee. Mars Hill is intended for competitors 14 and older due to some mature themes and elements included in the content."
2. Mars Hill Overview: Gave examples of culture under "Research": "The Mars Hill competitor identifies one or more theme(s) within the topic/title and the appeal and impact of those theme(s) to the culture (e.g. news, social media, events, values, trends, etc.)."

Extemp:

1. Rules: Preparation Rule #3 - Reworded: "Competitors may only be in the Extemp Prep Room during their prep time."
2. Extemp Room Protocol: Competitor Responsibility Rule #5 - Reworded: "Competitors may only be in the Extemp Prep Room during their prep time."

Question/Topic List

1. Apologetics Questions - Updated or replaced 4 questions.
2. Mars Hill Topics
 - d. Added Disclaimer: "The views expressed in the MH topics do not necessarily reflect the beliefs of Stoa, the Board, or the Speech Committee. Mars Hill is intended for competitors 14 and older due to some mature themes and elements included in the content."
 - e. Updated topic list with new titles in various categories.