



# EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

ROUND \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_ HOUR \_\_\_\_\_

- 13.8.1. **Communication among judges during the round.** Judges must make independent decisions. Judges shall not discuss decisions with other judges prior to turning in ballots. Timekeepers may share the length of a given speech only. If questions arise regarding the rules or conduct of an event, judges shall ask at Speech State Championships headquarters.
- 13.8.2. **Topic.** Current events of the current school year.
- 13.8.3. **Drawing of Subtopics.** One-half hour before speaking time, each contestant shall draw three topics, one of which shall be chosen by the speaker.
- 13.8.4. **Preparation.** Contestants may use books, magazines, or electronic retrieval devices during the preparation period, but may not confer with any other person about the topic. An extemp preparation room shall be available at Speech State Championships. See below for rules and guidelines concerning use of electronic retrieval devices.
  - (a) Contestants may make use of electronic retrieval devices to store and retrieve subject files. Students can retrieve extemporaneous files to read, but cannot write speeches or organize their thoughts on the computers. This rule in no way prevents students from utilizing traditional paper copy files. The OSAA takes no position on which form of file storage is preferable.
  - (b) Electronic retrieval devices are defined as laptop computers, netbooks, iPads, or other portable electronic retrieval equipment. Secondary devices such as flash drives or external hard drives are allowed as well. Cell phones or smart phones are prohibited from being used while preparing or before speaking at competitions.
  - (c) **Source Materials:** Students may consult published books, periodical articles, newspaper articles, think tank articles, government reports or journal articles saved on their electronic retrieval device or present in hard copy form provided:
    - (1) There are no notations made within or on the saved article other than citation information.
    - (2) Any highlighting or underlining of the articles is done in only one color within each article. Bolding, italicizing, or any other manipulation of the original text of sources (other than highlighting or underlining as previously stipulated) is prohibited.
  - (d) No other source materials will be allowed in the Extemporaneous prep room other than stated above. Pre-written Extemporaneous speeches, handbooks, briefs or outlines are prohibited from the prep room, whether stored electronically or present in hard copy form.
  - (e) **Power Source:** Power plugs or outlets may not be used in the prep room at any time. All computers used in the prep room must be battery operated at all times.
  - (f) Competitors are responsible for making certain their electronic retrieval devices are fully charged at the start of each competition day and for proper power management ensuring that their device remains functional throughout the competition day. Contestants may not use external power sources in the prep room, such as wall outlets and/or extension cords.
  - (g) **Internet:** Extemporaneous Speaking contestants shall not access the Internet or communicate electronically with any other individual while in the prep room. All computers must comply with the following provisions:
    - (1) Computers equipped with removable wireless cards must have the cards removed before the beginning of any round of competition. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disengage the equipment.
    - (2) Computers with built-in wireless capability may be used only if the wireless capability is disabled. It is the responsibility of the contestant to disable the equipment.
    - (3) Wired connections (Ethernet or phone) during rounds of competition are not permitted.
    - (4) Computers or other electronic devices may not be used to receive information from any source (coaches or assistant coaches included) inside or outside of the room in which the competition occurs. Internet access, use of email, instant messaging, or other means of receiving information from sources inside or outside of the competition room are prohibited.
    - (5) **Penalty:** Contestants found to have violated provisions 1 through 3 above will be ranked last in the round. Contestants found to have violated provision 4 above will be disqualified for the tournament and will forfeit all rounds. The tournament director shall make the final decision concerning disqualification.
    - (6) **Liability:** Extemporaneous Speaking competitors accept full responsibility for the safety and security of their electronic retrieval devices throughout the entire course of the tournament. The OSAA and the host site do not assume any liability for the computers. The OSAA and the host site are not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged computers.
    - (7) **File Monitoring:** The OSAA and the tournament director retain the right to view and search any electronic retrieval devices to ensure compliance with any and all rules at any tournament.
    - (8) Devices shall be muted in the prep room. Contestants shall not play games or engage in other distracting activities on their electronic retrieval devices in the prep room. Tournament officials may ask a student to power off the device if it becomes distracting.
    - (9) Students from the same school may share computers during preparation. However, communication among contestants during preparation time is strictly prohibited.
- 13.8.5. **Length.** There is no minimum time limit; a maximum of seven minutes shall be allowed for each speech with 30 seconds of grace. A speaker may be disqualified if he speaks more than 7-1 / 2 minutes. A timekeeper will use hand signals showing the time left in the speech: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1 / 2, 0. If laughter delays the speaker, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption. No contestant may be penalized if a stopwatch was not used for timing.
- 13.8.6. **Notes.** No notes may be used during the delivery, and no promptings are allowed.
- 13.8.7. **District Topics.** District Directors shall ask coaches to submit a certain number of topics to be used at the District Tournament.

	SPEAKER	SELECTION	RATING	RANK
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____

NO ORAL CRITIQUES

Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_