



Extemporaneous Speaking

Event Rules, Policies and Procedures
for The 2008 Princeton Classic
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Extemporaneous Speaking will be conducted with one open division. Topics will cover both foreign and domestic issues. Students may double enter in Public Forum or any other speech event. However, students are responsible for making their rounds on time.

Topic Areas

Topics will be based on subjects discussed in standard periodicals during the current school year. Each topic will be in the form of a question. The topic areas for each round will be drawn, randomly, alternating between foreign and domestic issues. US Foreign Policy, Asia, Domestic Social, Europe, Economics, Africa/ So. America, Domestic Politics, International Hot Spots.

Prep Room and Drawing

Thirty minutes before the contest is to begin, the first speaker shall draw three topics, choose one, and return the other two. The other contestants shall draw in like manner, in the order of speaking, at intervals of seven minutes. The entire list of subjects shall be used for the drawing by each section. A contestant drawing a topic on which s/he has spoken previously in the tournament shall return it and draw again. As soon as a topic is chosen, the contestant shall withdraw and prepare a speech without consultation and without references to prepared notes. Students may consult published books, magazines, newspapers and journals or articles there from, provided they are intact, no written material, or highlighted or underlined. Extemp speeches, handbooks, briefs and outlines shall be barred from Extemp Prep.

Laptops in Extemp Prep

Due to travel and transportation concerns, The 2008 Princeton Classic will allow laptops in Extemp Prep. The same rules for printed materials apply to laptops. Students may not access the internet or previous speeches on their laptops. Laptops will only be used for source retrieval. Students are responsible for their own power supply during Prep and security of their laptops for the course of the tournament.

Presentation

Contestants may make notes during the preparation time, but the use of notes, cards, briefs or other aids are prohibited during the speech. Presentations shall require not more than 7 minutes for delivery. Judges may deduct points at their discretion for presentations exceeding 7 minutes in length. However, there will be a thirty-second grace period for all competitors.

Final Round Procedure

Finals Round will feature a two-minute cross-examination by a fellow competitor. Cross-examination of the first speaker is done by the last speaker. Cross-examination of the second is done by the first. Cross-examination of the third is done by the second; and so on.