

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

The following excerpts from the bylaws contain the most relevant information for this category. Full tournament procedures are found in the bylaws.

NCFL Bylaws Article II Grand National Tournament

Section C – Events: Definitions and Procedures

1. Speech Events Definitions

c. Extemporaneous Speaking:

- 1) The speech should be an original synthesis by the contestant of the current fact and opinion on the designated topic as presented by numerous sources.
- 2) Topics concerning events within the second semester of the academic year of the Tournament should be used.
- 3) Selection of the general topic areas and preparation of 12-15 topics in each area should be made by the Second Vice President of the LEAGUE.
- 4) The contestant should be held accountable for strict adherence to the precise statement of the topic selected and should be penalized for any obvious shifting to a quite different topic.
- 5) Information presented should be well-chosen, pertinent, and sufficient to support the central thought of the topic.
- 6) The speaker is permitted a personal opinion or interpretation of the subject.
- 7) Material should be organized according to some logical plan to produce a complete speech within the time allowed. The speech must be extemporaneous and delivered without notes.
- 8) Speakers shall be allowed to bring to the preparation room the following printed materials and only these: magazines, newspapers, dictionaries, thesaurus, reference indices, newspaper and/or magazine clippings - files organized under general headings, almanacs and appropriate reference books, books and/or pamphlets. Speakers may not bring electronic retrieval systems into the preparation area.
- 9) All material brought into the preparation room by speakers will be subject at any time to scrutiny of the Tournament Committee and staff responsible for this event.
- 10) Speakers may share reference materials; however, any collaboration on speech preparation is forbidden.
- 11) When the speaker's code number is called, s/he draws 3 questions from among those prepared for the specific round. After consideration, the speaker returns 2 and gives the Director of the event the number of the question s/he has chosen to answer. The Director notes the topic and time, and the contestant begins to prepare the speech. The speaker should remain in the preparation room until sent to the competition room by the Director of the event.
- 12) Speakers will have thirty (30) minutes of preparation time. Upon instruction by the Director of the event, speakers must surrender all preparation materials except the drawn question.
- 13) Time limits: Maximum - 7 minutes. If the speaker goes over a 30 second grace period, that contestant may not be awarded first place. No minimum time.

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5. Prohibited Materials

- a. Speakers in the categories of Dramatic Performance, Oratorical Declamation, Oral Interpretation of Literature, Duo Interpretation of Literature, and Original Oratory may not use a selection or selections which they have used in any previous academic year.
- b. Speakers in Extemporaneous Speaking may not use written-out speeches.
- c. Speakers who violate the Prohibited Materials By-Laws or use materials prohibited in the Speech Events Definitions shall be disqualified through the procedure described in By-Laws D, 7.

Section D - General Tournament Regulations

8. The use of computers, electronic storage and retrieval devices, etc is allowed in rounds of Policy Debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, and Student Congress. They are not allowed in any other event.