

# Extemporaneous Informative & Persuasive Speaking

## Temporary Waivers and Modifications

If UIL Informative and Persuasive Speaking competition is administered through a virtual platform, temporary waivers or alterations to the C&CR and handbook rules and procedures may be implemented for the 2020-21 school year. The adaptations should be followed only when administering a virtual extemporaneous speaking contest. If hosting an in-person contest, the existing contest rules and procedures are to be followed.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN THE PREPARATION DRAW ROOM:** Internet access is permitted to access virtual competition space. Cell phones are permitted to assist with internet access and as timing devices. Coaches and competitors are expected to adhere to existing contest rules that prohibit the access to and use of prepared notes or outlines, extemp speeches, debate evidence, handbooks or briefs, or any other materials restricted in the preparation room as well as assistance in or outside of the round. The UIL Academic Ethics code will remain and all participants are expected to exhibit the highest level of integrity in not seeking outside information or coaching to give them a competitive advantage.

**PUBLIC ROUNDS:** No spectators will be allowed to observe virtual rounds. *When technology allows*, competitors in the round who have already spoken, and coaches may be allowed to observe rounds of their students if they are not judging or otherwise helping the tournament to function. When observing, coaches and students who have already spoken should have their camera off. The only cameras active during the round should be the current speaker and the judge(s).

## PROCEDURES

### Observers of Prep Time

No one is allowed to observe during the speech preparation time. Only contestants and Extemporaneous Preparation officials shall be present in the preparation draw room.

### Cameras

Cameras of participants are expected to be on from the moment their speaker's position is called to draw their topic. Participants should remain on camera throughout their prep time.

## **Microphones**

Competitor's microphone should be muted for the duration of the preparation period except when responding to an Extemp Draw tournament official. Microphone should be turned on once the contestant enters the competition speaking room.

## **Drawing for Topics**

A virtual draw makes it especially important for Extemp Draw officials to follow UIL's existing procedure of having competitors draw every 10 minutes, rather than shortening that time span. Officials may use different options for posting the topic choices for each individual speaker such as the chat box or whatever method the chosen platform may provide. The method will be left to the discretion of the Extemp Draw officials but should be clearly explained to the competitors in advance of the start of the draw.

Providing judges with a copy of each speaker's topic choices reinforces that competitors are delivering a speech on one of the official prompts.

## **Recording**

Recording of rounds is prohibited. If the online platform automatically records, it should be deleted immediately.