



TO: Directors of Students Qualifying for the State Speech Contest
 FROM: Debra Velder, Associate Director
 SUBJECT: State Contest Information
 DATE: March 2019

You and members of your high school speech team will be attending the 2019 State Speech Contest on the University of Nebraska-Kearney campus. Congratulations!

This letter includes information designed to assist you in planning for the contest. If you should require more information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Please remember that we are guests on campus, and that stationary tables/desks in the speaking rooms shall NOT be moved to avoid damaging electrical/computer connections.

Extemp Draw – THOMAS HALL 106 & 107

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REGISTRATION.

Schools must be registered at the state contest by the certified director. Registration will take place at the Health & Sport Center. Only directors will be allowed to pick up school packets. Directors will be provided name badges for identification purposes.

SCHEDULE.

Thursday, March 21

7:00 am	Registration Begins		
7:30 am	Class B Extemp Draw – Rd 1		
8:00 am	Class B Round 1	Class C1 Extemp Draw – Round 1	
8:30 am	Class B Extemp – Rd 1	Class C1 Persuasive, Humorous, Serious, Poetry, Informative, Entertainment – Rd1	Class A Ext Draw- Rd 1
9:00 am		Class C1 Extemp – Rd 1	Class A Round 1
9:30 am		Class C1 OID, Duet	
10:00 am	Class B Extemp Draw – Rd 2		
10:30 am	Class B – Round 2		Class A Ext Draw – Rd 2
11:00 am	Class B Extemp – Round 2		Class A Round 2
11:30 am		Class C1 Ext Draw Rd 2	
12:30 pm		Class C1 Round 2	Class A Ext Draw – Rd 3
1:00 pm	Class B Ext Draw - Finals		Class A Round 3
2:00 pm	Class B Finals	Class C1 Ext Draw Finals	
3:00 pm		Class C1 Finals	Class A Ext Draw- Finals
3:30 pm			Class A Finals
4:00 pm	Class B Awards		
5:00 pm		Class C1 Awards	
6:00 pm			Class A Awards

Friday, March 22

7:00 am	Registration Begins		
7:30 am	Class D2 Extemp Draw		
8:00 am	Class D2 Round 1	Class C2 Round 1 – OID, Duet, Persuasive, Humorous, Poetry	
8:30 am	Class D2 Ext Round 1	Class C2 Extemp Draw	Class D1 Extemp Draw
9:30 am		Class C2 – Round 1 – Ext, Serious, Informative, Entertainment	Class D1 Round 1
10:00 am	Class D2 Extemp Draw		
11:00 am	Class D2 – Round 2	Class C2 Round 2 – OID, Duet, Persuasive, Humorous, Poetry Class C2 Extemp Draw – Rd 2	
11:30 am			Class D1 – Ext Draw
12:00 pm		Class C2 Extemp – Rd 2	
12:30 pm		Class C2 – Round 2 – Serious, Informative, Entertainment	Class D1 – Round 2
1:00 pm	Class D2 Extemp Draw		
1:30 pm		Class C2 Extemp Draw - Finals	
2:00 pm	Class D2 Finals		
2:30 pm		Class C2 Finals	Class D1 Extemp Draw
3:30 pm			Class D1 – Finals
4:00 pm	Class D2 Awards		
5:00 pm		Class C2 Awards	
6:00 pm			Class D1 Awards

PARADE OF FINALIST

A parade of finalists will occur prior to the awards ceremony in each class. Students that have competed in finals shall report to the south end of the arena 15 minutes prior to the scheduled Awards Ceremony for their class. The finalist in each event will be introduced by event as they parade in front of the awards staging area and then are expected to sit in the designated seating in the north bleachers until their event is announced. After the student(s) have received their medals, they are free to sit wherever they wish.

COMPETITION.

There will be two preliminary rounds in each event for each class. In the finals, six entries in each event will qualify for competition based on preliminary round rankings. Tie-breakers will be implemented to break ties for last qualifying spots.

- a. There will be a separate drawing **in THOMAS HALL 106 & 107** for each round in extemporaneous speaking. These students will need to arrive one hour early in Classes B, C1, C2, D1, D2, and one-half hour early in Class A to allow for adequate preparation time.
- b. **Extemp speakers are responsible for their electronic needs in the prep room, ie. power cords, power strips, etc.**
- b. **Stools for OID will not be provided. If a school plans to use stools, they are responsible for providing them.**
- c. **Tables and chairs will not be provided for Duet Acting. Schools are responsible for providing these items.**
- d. Judging ballots with both rating and ranking scales will be used in the contest. Contestants will be both rated and ranked in each round. One judge will be used in all preliminary rounds. Three judges will be used in the final round. **Only directors will be allowed to pick up ballots.**

DETERMINING FINAL ROUNDS

The final round shall consist of six (6) contestants. The following procedures will be used to determine which students advance out of the preliminary rounds:

- 1 – Lowest Cumulative Speaker Rank
- 2 – Highest Cumulative Speaker Points

If ties in cumulative scores bring the number to more than six (6), the following priority system shall be used to break ties:

3 – Head-to-Head Competition:

- A - If the tied speakers met in only one preliminary round, the speaker that ranked higher in that round advances.
- B – If the speakers met in both preliminary rounds, and the same speaker ranked higher in both rounds, that speaker advances.
- C – If the speakers met in both preliminary rounds, and one speaker placed higher in round one and the other speaker placed higher in round two, this step is voided.

4 – Reciprocals:

Rank	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Reciprocal	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{6}$	$\frac{1}{7}$
As a Decimal	1 .5	.33	.25	.2	.17	.14	

Then add these numbers and the contestant with the highest score is the best of the three, and the next highest score receives the next rank, etc.

STATE EXAMPLE

	Ranks	Converts to	Total	Place
Speaker A	1 3 3 = 7	1.00 .33 .33	1.66	2nd
Speaker B	2 1 4 = 7	.50 1.00 .25	1.75	1st
Speaker C	3 2 2 = 7	.33 .50 .50	1.33	3rd

The reciprocals are then added and the speaker with the highest cumulative reciprocal score advances.

- 5 – If ties cannot be resolved using steps 3 or 4, those tied shall be included in the final round.

BREAKING TIES TO DETERMINE FINAL PLACEMENT

THREE JUDGES IN THE FINALS

When three judges are assigned to judge the final round in each event at the state speech competition ties in cumulative rank will be broken as follows:

1. Judge's preference in the final round.*
2. Reciprocals applied to the final round.**
3. Highest cumulative rating points in the final round.
4. Lowest cumulative rank in the preliminary rounds.
5. Reciprocals applied to the preliminary rounds.
6. Highest cumulative rating points in the preliminary rounds.
7. Judges brought back together to break the tie.

*If there is a tie-on rank in the round, judge's preference shall be used to break the tie. The following diagram illustrates the "judge's preference" method of breaking ties:

	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total
Speaker A	1*	2	3	6
Speaker B	4	1*	1*	6

In this case, Judge 1 ranks Speaker A over Speaker B, Judge 2 ranks Speaker B over Speaker A, and Judge 3 ranks Speaker B over Speaker A. Thus, two out of the three judges have preferred Speaker B.

**In case of an unbreakable three-way tie, inverted fractions (reciprocals) shall be used.

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Reciprocal	1	1/2	1/3	1/4	1/5	1/6	1/7
As a Decimal	1	.5	.33	.25	.2	.17	.14

Then add these numbers and the contestant with the highest score is the best of the three, and the next highest score receives the next rank, etc. See example below:

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In case of a tie in inverted fractions among 2 of the 3 tied speakers, revert back to judge preference to resolve the tie between the 2 tied speakers. See the example below:

	Ranks	Converts to	Total	Place
Speaker A	4 2 5 = 11	.25 .50 .20	0.95	4th
Speaker B	3 6 2 = 11	.33 .17 .50	1.00	3rd
Speaker C	2 3 6 = 11	.50 .33 .17	1.00	2nd

* the 1.00 tie between speaker's B and C is broken based on Judge Preference (Speaker C is preferred over Speaker B by 2 of the 3 judges).

It is the coach's responsibility to verify a speaker's placement into the final round by comparing a speaker's ranking and rating points against the break scores posted on the finalist listing. Any mathematical discrepancies must be reported to the Director of the Contest prior to the start of the final round in that event.

PROTESTS.

Protests regarding the decision of judges will not be heard. Errors in computation, which prevent a qualifier from being placed in the finals, must be brought to the attention of the contest director prior to the beginning of the final round of competition.

When the finals have been completed, team points calculated, winners announced and awards issued, the results are final and no changes can be made in individual placement **unless a correctable error is discovered.** A correctable error shall be defined as those that involve:

- Mathematical computation errors in individual points affecting placement of the speakers involved.
- Mathematical computation errors in team points affecting team placement.
- Mistakes made in calculation of judge's preference in the final round affecting the placement of the speaker involved.

If correctable errors are discovered, students or teams shall receive the appropriate medals or trophies. Individuals or teams to which the awards were presented in error will be asked to return trophies and/or medals and the official results will reflect the corrected results.

The contest director or NSAA Executive staff may correct clerical errors in team scoring when discovered.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE. All contestants and coaches shall plan to arrive prior to the scheduled starting time to register and receive information.

State contest information will appear on the internet as it becomes available.
<http://www.nsaahome.org>.

State Qualifiers are posted immediately after the completion of the district contest.

JUDGES. The NSAA Director will select NSAA registered state championship judges.

PARKING.

Parking is open on campus. Do not park in a reserved or handicapped stall unless authorized. After buses/vans have dropped students off, they should proceed to Lot 20 to park. Additional lots are Lot 27 (northwest corner of HWY 30 & 19th Avenue), and Lot 22 (west of Communications). **Do not park buses/vans in the lot east of the Health & Sports Center.**

UNK MAP

A map of the UNK campus can be found on the NSAA Speech webpage. nsaahome.org/speech
In addition, the University of Nebraska-Kearney has an APP that can be downloaded onto your electronic devices that provides a map of the campus. Select the APP, University of Nebraska-Kearney and click on Maps. Signage will also be posted around campus directing you to building in which rounds are scheduled.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING DRAW.

The draw for extemp will take place in **THOMAS HALL 106 & 107.**

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POSTING OF FINALS. Finals in each event will be posted online at nsaahome.org; in addition, an announcement will be made in the Health & Sports Center each time qualifiers are updated on the monitors and/or message boards.

Guest Password.

To access the Guest wireless users will need to create an account by following these steps:

Step 1 Click on your wireless icon, choose **UNKGuest**, and click **Connect**

Step 2 Open up a web browser and click **Create Account**

Step 3 Fill in **ALL** required fields (required fields have an * next to them) and click **Register**

Step 4 Once you register, you will get a receipt that shows your registration was successful. Now you can click on **Login with a Guest Account**

Step 5 You will receive your password via email or text depending upon what you choose during the registration process. Take note of your username and password so that you can log into UNKGuest

Step 6 Clicking on the Login with a Guest Account button in **Step 4** will take you back to the UNKGuest login page

Fill in the username and password fields and click the Log In button

Note: your UNKGuest login will expire in 7 days

COACHES HOSPITALITY. Zikmund Room, Health & Sports Center.

T-Shirts & Souvenir Programs. T-shirts and souvenir programs will be on sale at the Health & Sport Center inside the arena on the concourse level.

Callam Sports Photography.

The Nebraska School Activities Association has contracted with Callam Sports Photograph who will be photographing participating students throughout the day.

Lost & Found. Items that have been turned in as Lost & Found will be located at the Runner Station outside of Room 151 at the Health & Sports Center. After the conclusion of the state championship, Lost & Found items are not the responsibility of the NSAA or UNK.

Webcasting. Live webcasting will be produced for all events scheduled in **Room 310 and the Antelope in the Union** each day. Viewing of the live webcasting can be accessed on the NSAA homepage. Please make sure if your students are scheduled to perform in either of these rooms that they are aware that their performance will be web streamed. DVD's can be purchased of each room's scheduled rounds for each day's events.

www.netNebraska.org will present live coverage of the NSAA Speech Award Ceremony, live from the Health & Sports Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Best of the Best. One student will be selected from the 1st Place champions from all classes to represent all 9 events for the Best of the Best NET Production. Consideration will be given for state wide and all class representation. **Directors of students selected will be notified the week after the conclusion of the State Speech Championships if their student has been selected.** Taping of the performances is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, April 2, 2019, at the NET Studio in Lincoln. **The NSAA Speech Championships: Best of the Best will air Sunday, April 14 at 10:00 am on NET.**

Best of luck at the NSAA State Speech Championships!



(PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO YOUR BUS/VAN DRIVER)



NOTICE FOR BUS/VAN DRIVERS

AFTER BUSES/VANS HAVE DROPPED STUDENTS OFF AT THE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER, PROCEED TO LOT 20 TO PARK.

ADDITIONAL LOTS ARE LOT 27 (NORTHWEST CORNER OF HWY 30 & 19TH AVENUE), AND LOT 22 (WEST OF COMMUNICATIONS).

DO NOT PARK BUSES/VANS IN THE LOT EAST OF THE HEALTH & SPORTS CENTER.

YOUR COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED!