

Good morning from the Gateway City!

Broadcast Journalism and Editorial Impromptu topics have been posted. You will find them on the tournament homepage and under the documents tab.

It is important for Broadcast Journalism and Editorial Impromptu speakers to follow their speaking order as each speaker is expected to cover different topic areas. Some guidelines for asynchronous competitors are below;

- 1) Competitors are expected to cover each of the topic areas indicated for their speaking position. They are NOT limited to just those topics.
- 2) Schools should upload links to either an audio file or video file without a camera for Broadcast Journalism. Competitors in Extemp Commentary and Editorial Impromptu should upload video files. There should only be ONE recording per student in each event.
- 3) The easiest way to upload easily accessible files is to upload them as "unlisted" on YouTube. This will then provide you with a link that can be easily shared with judges.
- 4) Broadcast Journalism should be no longer than 5 minutes. Extemp Commentary should be no longer than 7 minutes. Editorial Impromptu should be between 5 and 7 minutes long, depending on preparation time. Do NOT record preparation time for Editorial Impromptu or Broadcast Journalism.
- 5) Extemp Commentary competitors are reminded that their speech should cover the topic: "Given the current state of political dialogue in the world, what specific roles and responsibilities should collegiate forensics/debate take in the broader political landscape?"
- 6) You are uploading only one link which will be used for all rounds that you are a competitor in.
- 7) Links should be uploaded for both events by 12:00 PM Central Time TUESDAY, JANUARY 21.
- 8) Finals will be announced around 6:00 PM Central Time Thursday January 25.

Ballot Information:

Prelim ballots will be sent to judges by 1:00 PM Central Time TUESDAY JANUARY 21 and should be returned by 5:00 PM Central Time on THURSDAY, JANUARY 23.

Elim ballots will be sent to judges by 6:00 PM Central time on THURSDAY JANUARY 23 and should be returned by 2:00 PM Central Time on SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

A NOTE TO JUDGES:

If you have a **Round 1** ballot for **Broadcast Journalism or Editorial Impromptu**, the speaking order is important for the students to ensure that they have prepared a speech on the right topic area(s). Round 2 and Finals judges should disregard the speaking order and focus solely on the content of the speech.