



2009 INVITATION

Northwestern University's Seventh Annual

Tournament of Champions in Extemporaneous Speaking

May 15-17, 2009

This invitation, along with any additional and updated information, is available online at www.tocextemp.com.

I. INTRODUCTION

Welcome

The Northwestern University Speech Team and the Northwestern University School of Communication are pleased to announce the seventh annual Tournament of Champions in Extemporaneous Speaking, to be held Friday, May 15th, 2009 through Sunday, May 17th, 2009, on Northwestern University's campus in Evanston, Illinois. This tournament will continue its tradition of offering an unparalleled challenge to extemporaneous speakers across the country: the opportunity to compete against the best speakers in the nation in an environment that showcases the event of extemporaneous speaking. We hope you will join us for this celebration of extemp and forensics.

2008 Extemporaneous Speaking Results

The TOC Extemp tournament committee would like to congratulate all who qualified for and attended last year's tournament. We would like to extend special recognition to our elimination round participants in the main event and award winners:

1st Place: Reid Bagwell – *Scarsdale Senior High School (Scarsdale, NY)*
2nd Place: William Strong – *Des Moines Roosevelt High School (Des Moines, IA)*
3rd Place: Maddie Gardner – *Eagan High School (Eagan, MN)*
4th Place: Ian Panchevre – *Tom C. Clark High School (San Antonio, TX)*
5th Place: Mark T. Kozlowski – *New Trier Township High School (Northfield, IL)*
6th Place: Brennan Morris – *Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal, VA)*

Semifinalist: Nicholas Cugini – *Cypress Ridge High School (Houston, TX)*
Semifinalist: Rebecca Goldstein – *Newton South High School (Newton, MA)*
Semifinalist: Matt Gottesdiener – *Milton Academy (Milton, MA)*
Semifinalist: Jack Grennan – *North Allegheny High School (Wexford, PA)*
Semifinalist: Henry Litman – *Milton Academy (Milton, MA)*
Semifinalist: Alex Tolkin – *Newton South High School (Newton, MA)*

Quarterfinalist: Mike Berger – *Lakeville South High School (Lakeville, MN)*
Quarterfinalist: Jack Chen – *Plano West Senior High School (Plano, TX)*
Quarterfinalist: Stacey Chen – *North Allegheny High School (Wexford, PA)*
Quarterfinalist: Sam Hocking – *Randolph High School (Randolph, NJ)*
Quarterfinalist: Amanda Johnson – *Eagan High School (Eagan, MN)*
Quarterfinalist: Aakash Kumar – *Plano Senior High School (Plano, TX)*
Quarterfinalist: Nick Kwolek – *Northrop High School (Fort Wayne, IN)*
Quarterfinalist: Kate Mozynski – *Coppell High School (Coppell, TX)*
Quarterfinalist: Molly Munson – *Starr's Mill High School (Fayetteville, GA)*
Quarterfinalist: Rahul Sangal – *Plano East High School (Plano, TX)*
Quarterfinalist: Sachin Shah – *Plano Senior High School (Plano, TX)*
Quarterfinalist: Preeti Willemann – *Pleasantville High School (Pleasantville, NY)*

TOC Extemp Service Award: Rev. B.A. Gregg,
Coaching Excellence in Extemporaneous Speaking: Mr. Chris McDonald

II. TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Extemp Overview

Standard NFL rules for extemporaneous speaking, available on the NFL website (www.nflonline.org), will apply: contestants will have thirty minutes to prepare and seven minutes to deliver a speech addressing one of three topics. Once a student's speaking time reaches 7:00, overtime penalization is at each judge's discretion. Each round will be themed; topic areas will be posted to the TOC Extemp website on May 1st. All questions will be taken from newspapers and magazines between January 1st, 2009 through the day of the event.

Laptops will be allowed in the prep room. To ensure fairness, all laptop users must comply with the following rules:

1. Students using computers must do so in the prep room; computers may not be used to prepare in other locations.
2. No Internet access is allowed at any time in the prep room. Computers are not allowed to network to other computers.
3. Printers are not allowed in the prep room.
4. Students are prohibited from accessing outlines and speeches that have been written prior to their draw time.
5. Any student using a computer must be prepared to show prep room staff what they are accessing at any time.

The TOC Extemp reserves the right to disqualify any student that is found in violation of these rules or that resists a reasonable request by prep room staff. Schools using computers are encouraged to provide one for each student, as multiple students from the same school may draw at the same time. Speaking order will not be adjusted to accommodate computer use.

Preliminary Rounds

Competitors are guaranteed six preliminary rounds. Rounds I through IV will be randomly assigned, while rounds V and VI will be seeded. Each round will be evaluated by two judges, each of whom will rank competitors 1st through 5th. The lowest ranking for each contestant will be dropped, and the top contestants will advance to elimination rounds. Advancement will be based on (1) best cumulative rankings, (2) reciprocals, and (3) the best cumulative rankings after dropping each lowest ranking.

Elimination Rounds

The first elimination round will be either quarterfinals or semifinals, as tournament attendance dictates. Those contestants advancing to the first elimination round will be announced ASAP after Round VI on Sunday morning. Elimination rounds will be seeded, and sectioning will not be broken to avoid placement of contestants from the same school in the same rounds. The tournament reserves the right to include cross-examination in elimination rounds. Quarterfinals and semifinals will be evaluated by five judges each. The top three contestants in each section will advance to the next round. Each break is clean; no previous results will be considered except in the case of an otherwise unbreakable tie. The final round will be evaluated by seven judges and will be open to the entire tournament and the Northwestern community.

Supplemental Impromptu Speaking

Contestants not advancing to elimination rounds in extemp may participate in impromptu speaking on Sunday. In this event, contestants will have seven minutes to both prepare and deliver a speech improvised from a provided prompt. There will be two preliminary rounds, and the top six contestants (based on total ranks, then rating points), will advance to the final round. Topics will vary by round and section, and each speaker in the same section will speak on the same topic. *Unlike in previous years, students are automatically enrolled in impromptu, unless otherwise marked.* All contestants pre-registered for impromptu and not advancing to elimination rounds in extemp will automatically be slated to compete in impromptu. No impromptu fees will be refunded if students advance in extemp. *Students and judges slated in impromptu are expected to attend the rounds; missed impromptu rounds will incur the same drop/missed ballot fees as extemp rounds.*

III. QUALIFICATION PROCEDURES

There are four ways to qualify for the Tournament of Champions in Extemp:

1. TOC Extemp 2008 Elimination Rounds

Any student who advanced to quarterfinals, semifinals or finals in extemporaneous speaking at the 2008 TOC Extemp is *automatically qualified* for this year's tournament.

2. State Finals/National Elimination Rounds

Students that advance to the final round of the open division of their qualifying state tournament in extemporaneous speaking will automatically qualify for the TOC Extemp. Because many states hold their state tournament after our entry deadline, please note the following rule: "Qualifying state tournaments" are defined as (a) any 2009 state tournament that takes place before April 15th, 2009; and (b) any 2008 state tournament if your 2009 state tournament takes place after April 15th, 2009.

Additionally, individuals who have broken to elimination rounds at either **CFL Nationals, 2008** or **NFL Nationals, 2008** are qualified for the TOC Extemp.

3. Qualifying Tournaments

Any student who advances to the open division elimination round of **two** of the following tournaments will automatically qualify for the TOC Extemp.

- Alief Taylor High School (TX)
- Apple Valley HS (MN)
- Berkeley (CA)
- Holy Cross College (MA)
- Bradley University (IL)
- California State University - Fullerton
- Columbia University (NY)
- Crestian Classic (FL)
- Dowling (IA)
- Emory University (GA)
- Florida Blue Key
- George Mason University (VA)
- Glenbrooks (IL)
- Harvard (MA)
- Illinois State University
- Isadoore Newman (LA)
- James Logan HS (CA)
- Lamar Consolidated (TX)
- Nevada High School (MO)
- Nova High School (FL)
- Princeton Classic (NJ)
- St. Mark's/Highland Park (TX)
- Southwestern Championships, Arizona State University
- Stanford University (CA)
- University of Oregon
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Southern California
- University of Texas at Austin
- Vestavia Hills Classic (AL)
- Villager (PA)
- Wake Forest University Early-Bird (NC)
- Western Kentucky University
- Whitman College (WA)
- Winston Churchill High School (TX)
- Yale (CT)

4. At-Large Bid Applications

Any student who does not or cannot qualify through one of the above methods may apply for an at large bid. If your state tournament occurs after the bid entry deadline, we encourage you to send in an at large bid noting that fact. An application is included with this invitation. *All bids must be accompanied by the \$25 at large application fee before they will be considered.*

Bid Application Acceptance

Any student who does not or cannot qualify through one of the above methods may submit a TOC bid application. Bid applications will be accepted online and require a \$25.00 fee before being processed.

1. The applicant or the applicant's coach must submit a Bid Application.
2. Upon completing the online application, a **\$25.00 bid application fee** must be mailed to:

**Tournament of Champions
Attention: Luke Hill
Northwestern University
1809 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201**

- a. Check must be made payable to "Northwestern University"
 - b. Check must indicate the school and student(s) for whose application(s) the check covers. One check may be written to cover multiple applications from the same school. Do not include any other information other than payment; excess information will be disregarded by Tournament staff.
 - c. **Payment must be postmarked by the Bid Application Deadline, April 17th, 2009.** Under no circumstances are we able to accept applications with a late and/or missing payment.
3. We will confirm receipt of the fee via e-mail within five business days. Once the check is processed, we will review the online application and notify the coach of the applicant's acceptance status on or before April 19, 2009.

IV. ENTRY PROCEDURES & FEES

Tournament Entry/Registration

1. Coaches must submit all school and competitor entry information online beginning March 1, which can be found at www.tocextemp.com. No paper forms or mail/fax/email entries will be accepted.

2. Upon completing online registration, all fees must be sent to:

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- a. Check must be made payable to “Northwestern University”
- b. Check must indicate the school and student(s) for whose application(s) the check covers. One check may be written to cover multiple applications from the same school. Do not include any other information other than payment; excess information will be disregarded by Tournament staff.
- c. Checks should be for the exact amount indicated during your online registration. If there is a discrepancy or if you need to change your entry, you must email us at info@tocextemp.com before mailing the payment
- d. **Payment must be postmarked by the Registration Deadline, May 4th, 2009.** Under no circumstances are we able to accept applications with a late and/or missing payment.

3. Upon receiving complete payment, we will confirm your entry via email and officially welcome you to the TOC Extemp. If you do not receive email confirmation within 5 business days of sending payment, please contact us.

Entry Deadlines

We encourage competitors to submit their entries as soon as they become qualified for the tournament.

- At-large applications must be received: *April 17th*
- At-large applicant will be notified of acceptance: *April 19th*

Entry Fees

Entry forms must be accompanied by a check covering all required fees. All entry forms are available from the invitation page on our website. Once entered, fees cannot be refunded under any circumstance.

At large bid application fee \$25/application
(fee will be applied to extemp entry fee if the applicant is accepted)

School fee.....	\$40/school
<i>(required per-school processing fee)</i>	
Extemp entry fee -- Covered by judge	\$125/slot
Extemp entry fee -- Not covered by judge	\$200/slot
Commemorative T-shirt Purchase (add \$2 for XXL and larger).....	\$14.95/person
<i>(optional; shirts will not be sold on-site and must be ordered during online registration)</i>	

Drop Fees and Missed Ballots

The following fees will be accessed. Schools must pay any fees in full before entry to a subsequent TOC Extemp is accepted.

If you drop...	
• Before May 8th, 2009	Loss of entry fees <i>plus</i> \$20/slot
• From May 8th through May 14, 2009.....	Loss of entry fees <i>plus</i> \$100/slot
• On the day of the tournament.....	Loss of entry fees <i>plus</i> \$200/slot
Missed ballots by a school judge	\$100/round

V. JUDGING REQUIREMENTS

Judging Commitments

All judges and coaches will be required to attend a short informational meeting on Friday, May 15, at 9:00pm (immediately following the informal opening reception).

Each school is asked to provide one judge for every two students entered. Judges are obligated to judge throughout the entire tournament, even after their students are eliminated. Schools with an odd number of students may share a judge as long as that judge covers no more than 2 total students. Any shared judge must be through a prior arrangement by both schools and must be noted on each school's entry form. Judge sharing will not be allowed once entry forms are received, and the TOC will make no attempt to match judges that are not clearly noted on both schools' entries.

Hired Judges

The TOC Extemp encourages teams to provide their own judges. If this is not possible, competitors may still enter the tournament, but at a higher fee. This increased fee for uncovered entries will allow the TOC Extemp to hire experienced judges to complete the judging pool.

Missed Ballots

If a judge fails to pick up ballots for any given round, the associated school will be assessed a \$100 missed ballot fee. Any such fees must be paid in full before the school's contestants are allowed to advance and before the school is allowed to enter future TOC Extemp tournaments. Due to the importance that the TOC Extemp places on judging, this rule will be strictly enforced.

VI. ADULT SUPERVISION

All students attending the tournament must be supervised by an adult -- a parent, teacher, team coach, or coach from another school. This chaperone should have all required school and parental authorization for travel and medical releases. Neither the Tournament nor Northwestern University can assume responsibility for any emergencies or expenses.

VIII. SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

Thanks to the generosity of the National High School Institute, the TOC Extemp is pleased to offer scholarships to this year's finalists. Scholarships are valid for the speech division of Northwestern's 2009 summer institute and will be awarded as follows

1 st Place – Extemp.....	\$1500.00
2 nd Place – Extemp.....	\$750.00
3 rd , 4 th , 5 th , 6 th Place – Extemp.....	\$400.00 each
Seminalists – Extemp.....	\$200.00 each

Scholarships are valid for the 2009 Institute only. If the student who receives the scholarship is unable to use it, the scholarship may be passed to any person from that school. For more information on the institute, visit <http://www.northwestern.edu/nhsi/speech/>

The summer Institute's application deadline will be extended without penalty for those who are awarded the TOC Extemp scholarships.

VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

The TOC Extemp encourages you to contact us with any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of this tournament. Our website also includes a plethora of Frequently Asked Questions that may help clarify any questions you may have.

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VIII. HOSPITALITY INFORMATION

Tournament Location

Northwestern University is located in Evanston, Illinois, a suburb just minutes north of Chicago on Lake Michigan. Travel information and directions are available at the tournament website, www.tocextemp.com. Please see the visitor's section on Northwestern's homepage at www.northwestern.edu for additional information. Saturday's rounds will be held on campus and Sunday's rounds will be held in conference rooms within the Hotel Orrington.

Reception

On Friday at 8:00 PM, in conjunction with registration, the TOC Extemp will hold an informal reception at the tournament hotel. Join your fellow competitors and coaches for some refreshments and social time before competition begins on Saturday.

Tournament Hotel

The tournament hotel is the **Hotel Orrington**. A block of rooms is available beginning Thursday, May 14th, and ending Sunday, May 17th. A single or double will be \$115.00/night -- be sure to mention "TOC Extemp" when calling.

Though registration, the opening reception, and Sunday's rounds will be held at Hotel Orrington, schools are welcome to stay elsewhere. Hotels in surrounding communities, including Skokie, are viable alternatives for those who will have a means of transportation.

On days of competition, the TOC Extemp tournament staff will provide free shuttle service between the *tournament hotel* and the competition area on Northwestern's campus.

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