



2025 Shakopee Wild Thing Live Doc

Thank you for attending the Shakopee Wild Thing! On behalf of the SHS coaches and team, we would like to welcome you to a great day of in-person competition!

Here is the link to this document should you need to share it with someone else: <https://tinyurl.com/Shako2025>

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Reminders of things we do differently

1. [This new, wonderful, and downright awe-inspiring guide](#) prepared by the Chaska Speech coaches (Andrew Brady): a judge's new best friend!
2. Info runs early, along with discussion.
3. The Gender-Neutral Bathroom is located in the main hallway between the S and SW wings on the second floor. It is marked with a sign.
4. **Remember that today is the first day of Ramadan.** Many of our Muslim students will be thirsty and hungry. Please allow them to leave the room after they perform, should they request to.

Key Tournament Locations

HELP DESK: The tournament help desk is the headquarters for any issues that arise throughout the day: tournament logistics, equity concerns, general information, etc. It is located on the first floor of the SE Wing and will be staffed by Kelsey Raasch and alumni of the program.

TAB ROOM: The Tab Room will be available to coaches only throughout the day and located in SW hallway.

JUDGE'S LOUNGE: The Judge's Lounge will be located in the Saber Community Room on the second floor. This room is about as far from the main entrance as possible. It's marked on the map below as W210 in a light brown.

EXTEMP SPEAKING DRAW ROOM: The Extemp Speaking Draw Room will be located in the Learning Commons/Library. See the Student Resources section for more information.

EXTEMP READING & STORYTELLING DRAW ROOM: The Extemp Reading and Storytelling Draw Area will be in the Upper Commons, which is the sea of fun blue and green furniture on the second floor up the learning stairs and overlooking the cafeteria. See the Student Resources section for more information.

Tournament Schedule

8:00 AM	Deadline for final drops
8:15 AM	Draw Meetings (ES, ER, STY)
8:30 AM	Judge's Meeting (Judge's Lounge)
8:30 AM	Round 1 Draw (ES, ER, STY)
8:45 AM	Round 1 (Discussion, Info)
9:00 AM	Round 1 (All Others)
10:00 AM	Round 2 Draw (ES, ER, STY)
10:15 AM	Round 2 (Discussion, Info)
10:30 AM	Round 2 (All Others)
11:30 AM	Round 3 Draw (ES, ER, STY)
11:45 AM	Round 3 (Discussion, Info)
12:00 PM	Round 3 (All Others)
1:30 PM	Finals Draw (ES, ER, STY)
1:45 PM	Final Round (Discussion, Info)
2:00 PM	Final Round (All Others)
3:30 PM OR ASAP	Awards (Gymnasium in West)

Informative Speaking will be staggered 15 minutes early (like Discussion) to facilitate smoother transition times.

Student Resources

General Resources

The main cafeteria/commons area will be available for students to gather and socialize in between rounds. We will have concessions available throughout the day. Students should visit the help desk with any questions and concerns they have throughout the day.

Draw Resources

Extemp Reading & Storytelling: All stories, poems, and cuttings (students may not repeat a prelim selection in finals). Draws will be on [speechwire.com](https://www.speechwire.com) so all students will need to bring a device with them.

Extemp Speaking: Round topic areas are based on Nat. Quals schema.

Selections will be made on Speechwire (new this year).

INTERNATIONAL TOPIC AREAS	DOMESTIC TOPIC AREAS
Round 1: South Asia, East Asia, and Oceania.	Round 1: Domestic Social. (Questions could discuss health, education, immigration, criminal justice, and DEI policies.)
Round 2: Southwest Asia & North Africa (aka the Middle East).	Round 2: Science, Technology, Energy, and Environment.
Round 3: Europe & Africa.	Round 3: Economy.
Final: U.S. Foreign Policy. (Questions will involve the U.S. as an actor and could involve bilateral or multilateral relations with other nations, non-state actors, or organizations. Questions pertaining to U.S. leadership on global issues could also be asked here.)	Final: The American Political System. (Questions will pertain to issues involving the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches.)

Discussion Tasks and Resources

All tasks will come from Section II of the MSHSL Discussion Outline. Tasks will be released on this document prior to round stop. Paper copies of the discussion task will also be available.

ROUND 1 TASK	
ROUND 2 TASK	
ROUND 3 TASK	
FINALS TASK	

Judge's Resources

All judges are required to attend the Judge's Meeting at **8:30 AM** in the Judge's Lounge. This year, the judges lounge is in the Saber Community room on the second floor beyond the SW hallway.

The tournament will utilize electronic judge ballots on speechwire.com; judges should bring technology (preferably a laptop or chromebook) in order to judge rounds. **Judges must hit the "Start" button** in Speechwire upon arriving at their round. Once this happens, they will be able to see which students have double-entered, and tournament staff will know that the round is in progress.

At the scheduled start of the round, **please begin even if you are missing students (*with the exception of Discussion*)**. Many students are double or even triple entered and may not be present at the beginning of your round. Judges may change the speaking order on the ballot to accommodate double-entered students. In this case, please make sure your appropriate ranks go to the appropriate entries. Students are **not** to be penalized for arriving late to a round.

Judge's should rank students all the way out (not stop 5). No speaker points will be awarded.

If you have any questions or need more information about a particular category, please reference [this wonderful guide](#) put together by the Chaska Speech Team!

Equity Statement

Judges, please read and thoughtfully consider the National Speech and Debate Association's Statement on Implicit Bias:

We are all influenced by implicit bias, or the stereotypes that unconsciously affect our decisions. When judging, our implicit biases negatively impact traditionally marginalized and disenfranchised students. Before writing comments or making a decision, please take a moment to reflect on any biases that may impact your decision making.

In addition, judges are encouraged to review the [National Speech and Debate Association's Guide to Culturally Competent Judging](#).

Any participant at the Shakopee Sabers Speech Tournament that has equity concerns is encouraged to visit the Tournament Headquarters/Help Desk.

Maps

Not all rooms are perfectly in their assigned “wings,” but it’s pretty close. Sorry draws, you’re all over the place...plan ahead and find your room before you draw if possible.



