

Dear Colleagues:

I am thrilled to welcome you to the 2026 N.E. Northeast Regionals Tournament (NEAT) # 4! We are excited to host you for an exciting week of competition. This asynchronous tournament will be the 4<sup>th</sup> and final NEAT (Northeast Alliance Tournament) of the 2025 - 26 season. The asynchronous schedule will be held on U.S. Eastern Time. Please observe the time zone differences!

Randy Perez,

Tournament Director

# **NEAT # 4 N.E. Regionals Asynchronous Tournament**



**February 23 - 27, 2026**

## **Entry Rules:**

1. Schools may enter students up to three events per pattern.
2. Entry fees shall be \$9 per IE slot.
3. Students may enter up to 3 events per pattern. Two duos count as two events.
4. Please provide a qualified judge for every 6 slots.
5. Hired judges will be \$12 for each uncovered slot.
6. The deadline for entry (via Speechwire) is Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 at 9pm U.S. Eastern Time (E.T.).
7. Drop fees will be assessed as follows:

Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 (at 9PM E.T.):

Add/Drops at the registration deadline are assessed a \$25 fee in addition to the original entry fee.

## **Competition Rules:**

1. Schools may enter up to six students in each event.
2. Base entry team fees are \$30 per team to help cover hired judges' costs.
3. Please provide at least ONE qualified judge.
4. A flat fee of \$60 will be charged if you cannot provide a judge.
5. Students must be entered in at least three individual events to be eligible for speaker awards.
6. For IE school sweeps, points will be awarded based on final round placement as follows: 6th place = 1 point; 5th place = 2 points; 4th place = 3 points; 3rd place = 4 points; 2nd place = 5 points; 1st place = 6 point

Please note the following entry/judging deadlines:

**NOTE: ALL TIMES ARE IN EASTERN TIME! PLEASE  
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Monday, Feb. 23rd

9pm ET: All entries must be received with all video links uploaded!

9:30pm ET: Round 1 & Round 2 speech events released to judges.

Thursday, Feb. 26th

4pm ET: All Round 1 & Round 2 Preliminary Ballots Due!

6pm ET: Final Round speech events released to judges.

Friday, Feb. 27th

6pm ET: All final round ballots due.

7pm ET (approximately): Final results posted via Speechwire.

## **Competition Rules:**

Competitors will provide videos of their performances, which will be judged asynchronously.

How to provide your video?

Our individual events tournament will be conducted asynchronously. Students should record their video and then upload it to their own private (or a team) YouTube channel. Once uploaded, students can adjust the video setting to “unlisted.” This will make the video un-searchable but still viewable to anyone with the link (URL.)

We will be using AFA (NST) standards for videos. We are following identical asynchronous tournament procedures held by OATS (Online Asynchronous Tournament Series), where students maintain an "honor system" for recording LP events.

When registering for the tournament, Speechwire will provide a space to enter a student name and event. After inputting entries, you can provide links to videos under the “links” tab on Speechwire’s main menu.

When judges receive their dance cards / eballots, those links will be provided to them.

These links will also be provided to other competitors in the round. Due to privacy concerns, only judges and students participating in a specific round will have access to video links for that round. Please do not share these links out of respect for the performers.

The same video will be used for all rounds: 2 preliminary rounds and finals. Students competing in Limited Preparation events only need to record ONE video for Impromptu and Extemporaneous Speaking.