



Dear Coaches and Competitors,

The Speech Team at Indiana University Bloomington invites you to participate in our first asynchronous tournament: Open The Sample Gates! from **November 12th to November 15th, 2025**. While our team in Bloomington, Indiana hosts this tournament, we invite collegiate teams from across the country to take part in our tournament.

Our tournament is fully asynchronous and will utilize video links for rounds. In the future, we hope to bring our tournament to life. With the aim of opening the iconic Sample Gates to in-person speech tournaments, we are taking baby steps with online competition first and raising funds for our team along the way.

In total, all 11 NFA speech events will take place asynchronously throughout the week.

Please register your team on Speechwire and feel free to spread the word to other coaches and teams.

All the best,

Speech at IU

Emmy Aram, Var Bobba (Co-Presidents, '28)

Wes Erwin (Advisor)

Schedule (all in EST)

Friday, November 7th

- EXT and IMP Artifacts posted in “Files for Download”

Tuesday, November 11th

- Entries and Video Links due 10:00pm
- All Preliminaries Blast ASAP

Wednesday, November 12th

- Preliminary Rounds 1-2

Thursday, November 13th

- Preliminary Ballots due 11:59pm
- Adv. Entries and Ballots Blasted ASAP

***if needed: Friday, November 14th**

- Semifinal Round 9:00am
- Semifinal Ballots due 9:00pm
- Adv. Entries and Ballots Blasted ASAP

Saturday, November 15th

- Final Round 9:00am*
- Final Ballots due 9:00pm

Sunday, November 16th

- Ballots released, medal ranks posted to Speechwire

Fees and Judges

Entry Fees

- Base Team Entry Fee: \$20.00
- IE NFA Speech Entry: \$8.00 per entry
- Late Entry Drop Fee: \$10.00 (On/After 10pm EST 11/11)

Judge Fees

- Uncovered Judge Fee: \$20.00 per uncovered judge
- Late Judge Drop Fee: \$10.00 (On/After 8am EST 11/12)

For every 6 entries, 1 judge is required.

Fees will be assessed based on entries received on Speechwire as of Tuesday, November 11th @ 10pm EST. Once you have received your finalized fee sheet, **please make checks payable to:** “NAME HERE” and write “Speech at IU” in the memo line.

Mail checks to:

Speech at IU Inc.

Attn: Emilia Aram

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For fee waivers regarding student-ran and underfunded programs, please email saibobba@iu.edu (team co-president). Even if your team receives a fee-waiver, judge requirements still apply.

Impromptu and Extemp Filming

All events below will have specific files uploaded to the “Files for Download” section on Speechwire no later than 10:00PM on Friday, November 7th, 2025. Only write and film these speeches after these details have been posted!

- Impromptu will consist of a quotation set. Only one speech/performance will be used for both prelims and out rounds.
 - Prep must be included in filming
 - Judges will be asked to allow 15 seconds for a student to read their prompt
 - Honor system for students
- Extemp will consist of a three question set. Only one speech/performance will be used for both prelims and out rounds.
 - Prep DOES NOT need to be included in filming
 - Honor system for students

Structure

11 NFA IE events

- 32 entries or less in an event: 2 Preliminary Rounds, 1 Final Round
- 32+ entries in an event: 2 Preliminary Rounds, 1 Semifinal Round, 1 Final Round

Awards and Tiebreakers

Top 6 finalists recognized in Speechwire medal postings ASAP.

- Preliminary tiebreakers: All ranks so far, All reciprocals so far, All speaker pts so far, H2H in prelims (# of first prefs.), Prelim opponents' avg. total ranks
- Out-round tiebreakers: Ranks this round, 1s this round, All ranks so far, Speaker pts this round, Prelim ranks, Drop speaker pts of worst rank, Playoff result

Please reach out with any questions.