

LUCKY 7

Spring 2026

In collaboration with the AFA-NST District 7, I invite you and your team to attend the annual spring Lucky 7, to be hosted asynchronously February 23-26, 2026. Registration, judging, and results will be conducted via SpeechWire. Links to all recorded performances will be due at the time of registration. More information is provided below. **Entries are due earlier than standard practice**, but LP prompts will be offered early the week prior to account for this earlier entry deadline and final results will be released Thursday evening.

Sincerely,
Mallory Marsh
Tournament Director

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

*All times listed are in **Eastern Time (EST)**.*

The schedule is subject to change as needs arise.

LP Prompts Released	Wed, Feb 18	
Registration Deadline (<i>Video links must be submitted at this time</i>)	Mon, Feb 23	5:30 pm
Preliminary Round Ballots Released	Mon, Feb 23	7 pm (or ASAP)
Preliminary Round Ballots Due	Wed, Feb 25	5 pm
Final Round Ballots Released	Wed, Feb 25	7 pm (or ASAP)
Final Round Ballots Due	Thurs, Feb 26	7 pm
Final Results Posted on SpeechWire	Thurs, Feb 26	ASAP

ENTRY INFORMATION

1. Students may enter a maximum of six events; two duos count as two events.
2. Entries are due via SpeechWire no later than Monday, February 23, at 5:30 pm EST. Entries without video links at that time will be dropped.
3. The same event recording will be used for preliminary and final rounds. Please ensure the video is “unlisted” on YouTube rather than set to “private” so that judges can successfully view the recording. It is important you confirm your team’s video links are accurate and accessible by the registration deadline.
4. **Recordings are expected to be unique to the Spring 2026 Lucky 7. Competitors should not submit the same recorded speech entry to a different asynchronous tournament (previously or in the future).**
5. LP prompts will be released as a downloadable file on SpeechWire.

ENTRY FEES AND JUDGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Entry fees are \$8 per event slot.
2. Please provide one qualified judge for every six events. **All schools must include one judge with their entry, regardless of entry size.** If you seek an exemption from this requirement, please reach out to Mallory to clarify your needs.
3. All uncovered slots will incur an additional \$15 fee. **The tournament director reserves the right to limit the number of *uncovered* slots per team due to tournament needs.**
4. Any judges dropped after ballots have been released will each be assessed a \$150 fee.
5. Any judges failing to turn ballots in on time will each be assessed a \$100 fee (unless arrangements have been made in advance with the tournament director).
6. A finalized invoice will be emailed directly to head coaches or team captains along with payment information. Payments can be made via PayPal or Venmo. **If you require a different means of payment, please reach out to Mallory prior to the registration deadline.**
7. We will use AFA-style rules and tabulation. All relevant AFA-NST legislation for regular-season qualifying tournaments will guide the tournaments’ policies as applicable.