

EXTEMPORANEOUS DUO

- Definition: Extemporaneous means “composed, performed, or uttered on the spur of the moment” (*Webster’s Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary*, 1991). Duo is two people (duh!) so extemporaneous duo is two people composing, performing or uttering on the spur of the moment. In fact, extemp duo (to those of us who know and love it) is all three of those things.
- Extemp duo is, unfortunately, not offered at many tournaments. In fact, the only two that I know of are Blue Key (University of Florida) and our own PBCFL local.
- Extemp duo is a supplemental event. A sup (yes, we know and love these events, too) is an event that is not part of the normal debate roster (LD, public forum, OI, and so forth). This event is offered to competitors who have dropped from prelim and elim rounds and don’t want to spend hours hanging around, waiting for the awards and the interminable bus ride home. It gives them a second chance to compete – and the trophies are just as big as the regular event awards!
- The format of extemp duo is:
 1. Partners go to the extemp prep room. When their codes or names are called, they step up to the proctor and select one slip of paper from an envelope. On that strip are three completely unrelated terms:
Kennedy Space Center golden retriever cabinet
Embarrassment Spiderman tacos
Audio cable burnt sienna Zimbabwe
 2. The partners have 20 minutes to create a scene that incorporates the 3 terms, meaningfully, into a story line. After 20 minutes, the students perform for 5 – 7 minutes.
 3. The scene must follow all of the rules of regular duo – it must have an introduction, delivered by both participants; partners may not look at each other or touch each other; and there must be a true connection between the two partners.
- Judging is based on blocking, environment creation, characterization, how seamlessly the 3 terms are interwoven into the scene, introduction, and how well the characters interact with one another.