

AI Usage Policy

Use of AI for Written Material

The Sacramento Comedy Spot promotes and values creativity and the development of original content. As detailed below, producers, performers, and students should not use artificial intelligence (AI) tools to write content for use in Comedy Spot classes or shows. “AI” includes ChatGPT, Google Gemini, Microsoft Copilot, and other generative AI tools. For the purposes of this policy “content” refers to any comedic material submitted, pitched or performed as part of a class or show. See below for examples of acceptable and unacceptable uses of AI.

Unacceptable Uses of AI for Written Material

Producers, performers, and students should not use AI for writing or re-writing the content of any material that will be used in a class or show at the Comedy Spot, including content for any:

- Sketches or scripts
- Standup jokes or sets
- Comedic presentations
- Jokes used in sketchprov shows
- Any other pre-written material

Examples of unacceptable AI prompts

- “Write a 3-minute comedic sketch about a person meeting their in-laws for the first time.”
- “Re-write the following joke in the style of Jerry Seinfeld: [...]”
- “Write a 6-paragraph comedic presentation arguing that capybaras are the best animals.”
- “Re-write the following script in the style of Jane Austen: [...]”
- “Write 5 jokes about Baskin Robbins in the style of a comedy roast.”
- “Write 10 puns about trees.”

Acceptable Uses of AI for Written Material

- Generate or brainstorm basic lists.
- Generate or edit show or team names or descriptions.
- Generate or edit promotional materials.
- Generate or edit administrative materials, communications, or other written materials that will not be used in shows.

Examples of acceptable AI prompts

- “Give me 10 awkward locations for a first date.”
- “Give me 5 facts about capybaras.”
- “Summarize the 7 main points in this article about capybaras: [link]”
- “Write 3 ideas for the title of a sketch comedy show about British royalty.”
- “Write a catchy 3-sentence description for an improv show based on action movie tropes.”
- “Shorten the following show description to 300 characters: [...]”

Use of AI for Images, Video, or Audio

The Comedy Spot values the skill, creativity, and original work of graphic designers, visual artists, film and video creators, photographers, actors, voice actors, and other creators and artists.

- As a general rule, AI *may* be used sparingly to alter, edit, and add to existing images, video, or audio for use in Comedy Spot classes, shows, or promotions.
- AI should *not be used* for the creation of new images, video, or audio for use in Comedy Spot classes or shows.
- Do not generate new AI content that simulates or mimics the voice, likeness, or persona of Comedy Spot staff, students, or performers, or other real individuals.
- Before using AI to alter the voice or image of Comedy Spot staff, students, or performers, or other real individuals, you must have explicit permission from the individual.

AI Disclaimers in Show Descriptions

Any show that substantially uses AI-generated or AI-altered content in the show, the show description on the Comedy Spot website must include a note or mention to that effect.

- **Examples**
 - “Part of this Game show features a game called, guess that AI prompt where AI generated images are shown to comedians and they have to guess the prompt that created them.”
 - “A team of human improv performers make up scenes based on jokes written by AI.”

If you have questions about the AI Usage Policy or wish to request an exception, please contact the Executive Director at laugh@saccomedyspot.com

Performers and staff are encouraged to provide feedback and raise concerns about the use of AI at the Comedy Spot.