

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING INFORMATION SHEET

Description of Event: Extemporaneous Speaking is an event in which the contestant writes and delivers a speech in answer to a question based upon knowledge and understanding of either domestic or foreign topics.

Rules:

1. The topics will have been taken from a reputable news source within a month preceding the tournament.
2. Each contestant will draw 3 topic-questions 30 minutes before he/she is scheduled to speak. The speaker will immediately return 2 of the topic-questions to the official in charge of the drawing and begin work on the chosen topic. The contestant may use magazines, newspapers, books or other information at his/her disposal in preparation of the speech, but may receive no assistance from any other person before speaking.
3. The speaking time will be no less than 3 minutes and no more than 6 minutes. If the contestant violates this rule, the judge must deduct 2 points from the score.
4. The contestant may use only one index card (no larger than 4"x6") for the purpose of outlining, writing quotes, etc. This card may be used during the speech. No other visual aids may be used.
5. Because the speeches are not memorized, the judge should give time signals to the contestant during their speech. Signals should be given every minute and should be given in increasing intervals.
6. The contestant should address the topic and should give a definite answer to the topic-question. The answer given should be supported through reasoning and authoritative material.

*Violations of time or rules of the event should result in a flat 2-point deduction, regardless of the number of violations. It is up to the judge's discretion as to how this will affect the final ranking.

Criteria for Judging:

1. Organization: Does the speech follow a clear, logical outline with a beginning, middle and end?
2. Relevance: Was there a clear focus on the chosen topic?
3. Delivery: Did the speaker use appropriate techniques to enhance the effectiveness of their speech?
4. Total Effectiveness: Did the speech effectively fulfill its intended purpose?

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EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

TIME: _____

Room _____ Round _____

LIMIT: 3-6 minutes

Contestant Code _____

Name _____

ORGANIZATION (Speech follows a clear, logical outline with a beginning, middle and end)

- Introduction points the way
- Main points of body were clearly designated
- Speaker does not digress
- Conclusion is satisfactory and definite
- Transitional devices are used effectively

RELEVANCE (Speech has a clear focus on the chosen topic)

- Speaker is well-informed in that pertinent facts and adequate information are presented
- Speaker makes pertinent references to printed news sources or other authorities
- Speaker has answered the topic-question as it was asked

DELIVERY (used appropriate techniques to enhance the effectiveness of the speech)

- Speaker is sincere and convincing
- Speaker makes effective use of eye contact and facial expression
- Speaker makes effective use of gestures and bodily action
- Speaker's variety in pitch, rate, volume and tone contributes to the persuasiveness of the speech
- Articulation is clear; pronunciation is correct
- Speaker was poised and confident

TOTAL EFFECTIVENESS (The speech effectively fulfilled its intended purpose)

- Speech flowed smoothly
- Speaker presented adequate logic and support for their response to the question

POOR	BELOW AVERAGE	GOOD	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
1-8	9-14	15-19	20-22	23-25

TOTALS AFTER 2 ROUNDS Red Ribbon: 40-45 Blue Ribbon: 46-50

Judge Code _____

Score _____

Judge Name _____ Time/Criteria Violations (-2) _____

Final Score _____

Ranking _____