

## UNITED STATES (U.S.) EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (7 Minutes)

- A. No double entry shall be allowed in Extemporaneous Speaking divisions.
- B. A list of participants in each event shall be posted. Participants will perform in the order in which their names appear on the list. If unable to do so because of a schedule conflict, the coach shall contact the Tournament manager for an adjustment in the schedule. Each director shall submit topics to the District Tournament manager per Section 8-F.
- C. The student entering U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking shall:
  - 1. Be well read in leading periodicals and newspapers.
  - 2. Have a thorough understanding of current problems.
  - 3. Be able to speak precisely and intelligently on these problems.
  - 4. Have command of adequate techniques for delivery.
  - 5. Be adept at organizing his/her thoughts in such a way that he/she can put them across to audience with a lively sense of communication.
  - 6. Use no notes in the delivery of the speech.
- D. The topics shall be:
  - 1. From current news magazines and newspapers.
  - 2. Devoted exclusively to domestic (U.S.) matters in all rounds of the District and State Tournaments.
- E. The event shall be carried out in the following manner:
  - 1. A list of all contestants to speak in the event shall be posted.
  - 2. Each contestant shall, following the order of speaking, draw three topics 30 minutes prior to assigned speaking time. He/she shall select one and immediately return the other two topics.
  - 3. The student shall then be assigned a place to prepare the speech. The contestant may use any material which he/she has with him/her. The individual may not consult with anyone during this period.
  - 4. At the end of the 30 minutes, the student shall deliver his/her speech in the room designated for that purpose.
  - 5. The use of pre-prepared speeches or speech outlines or cut evidence is prohibited.
- F. The speaking time shall be not more than seven minutes.
- G. Judging Criteria:
  - 1. Organization: Was the speech organized in its development from introduction to conclusion?
  - 2. Relevance: Did the speaker deal directly and exclusively with his/her topic?
  - 3. Delivery: Was the speech presented in the form of oral rather than those of written discourse? Did the speaker have a full realization of the context of the speech throughout delivery? Did the speaker exercise a lively sense of communication? Was the speaker's command of techniques adequate for his/her needs?
  - 4. Knowledge of Subject: Did the speaker have adequate knowledge of the subject?

NOTE: Oral critiques are not permitted.
- H. ELECTRONICS USE: The use of non-internet connected laptops, E-Reader's and Tablets in US Extemporaneous Speaking is permitted.
- I. A violation of any rule/regulation for this event will result in disqualification from the event. Any official protest of a disqualification shall be directed to and ruled upon by the Tournament grievance committee who has the authority to overturn a disqualification.

## INTERNATIONAL EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING (7 Minutes)

- A. No double entry shall be allowed in Extemporaneous Speaking divisions.
- B. A list of participants in each event shall be posted. Participants will perform in the order in which their names appear on the list. If unable to do so because of a schedule conflict, the coach shall contact the Tournament manager for an adjustment in the schedule. Each director shall submit topics to the District Tournament manager per Section 8-F.
- C. The student entering International Extemporaneous Speaking shall:
  - 1. Be well read in leading periodicals and newspapers.
  - 2. Have a thorough understanding of current problems.
  - 3. Be able to speak precisely and intelligently on these problems.
  - 4. Have command of adequate techniques for delivery.
  - 5. Be adept at organizing his/her thoughts in such a way that he/she can put them across to audience with a lively sense of communication.
  - 6. Use no notes in the delivery of the speech.
- D. The topics shall be:
  - 1. From current news magazines and newspapers.
  - 2. Devoted exclusively to foreign (International) matters in all rounds of the District and State Tournaments.
- E. The event shall be carried out in the following manner:
  - 1. A list of all contestants to speak in the event shall be posted.
  - 2. Each contestant shall, following the order of speaking, draw three topics 30 minutes prior to assigned speaking time. He/she shall select one and immediately return the other two topics.
  - 3. The student shall then be assigned a place to prepare the speech. The contestant may use any material which he/she has with him/her. The individual may not consult with anyone during this period.
  - 4. At the end of the 30 minutes, the student shall deliver his/her speech in the room designated for that purpose.
  - 5. The use of pre-prepared speeches or speech outlines or cut evidence is prohibited.
- F. The speaking time shall be not more than seven minutes.
- G. Judging Criteria:
  - 1. Organization: Was the speech organized in its development from introduction to conclusion?
  - 2. Relevance: Did the speaker deal directly and exclusively with his/her topic?
  - 3. Delivery: Was the speech presented in the form of oral rather than those of written discourse? Did the speaker have a full realization of the context of the speech throughout delivery? Did the speaker exercise a lively sense of communication? Was the speaker's command of techniques adequate for his/her needs?
  - 4. Knowledge of Subject: Did the speaker have adequate knowledge of the subject?

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- I. A violation of any rule/regulation for this event will result in disqualification from the event. Any official protest of a disqualification shall be directed to and ruled upon by the Tournament grievance committee who has the authority to overturn a disqualification.