

INFORMATIVE SPEAKING (10 Minutes) (NOTE: See Section 5-A-4 concerning repetitions.)

- A. A speech shall not be repeated by a student who gave that speech in an interscholastic speech event in any previous school year.
- 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.
- C. The student entering Informative Speaking shall:
 - 1. Deliver an informative speech of his/her own composition designed to explain, describe, or illustrate a particular subject with no more than 150 words of quoted material. All quoted material shall be credited within the text of the speech.
 - 2. Deliver the speech from memory, without notes.
 - 3. Choose a subject for the speech that is interesting and significant.
 - 4. Use sensible appeals and sound reasoning.
 - 5. Show a lively sense of communication, using bodily action and voice to the best advantage.
 - 6. May or may not use audio/visual aids to supplement and reinforce the message.
 - a) If used, audio/visual aids should enhance or support the message rather than distract from the overall effectiveness of the presentation.
 - b) During the presentation, no electronic equipment is permitted. Electronic equipment is defined as any object requiring an electrical cord, battery, or solar power to operate it (projectors, cell phones, radios, iPads, computers, etc.).
 - c) The use of live animals or any additional people as visual aids is not allowed during the speech.
 - d) Items of dress put on and/or removed for illustration during the course of the presentation are considered costumes and may not be part of the contestant's presentation.
 - e) Visual aids may not violate policies as dictated by local and state law (weapons, drugs, etc.).
 - f) Contestants may not distribute items to the judges or audience before, during or after round. This includes but is not limited to food, objects, handouts, flyers, and promotional merchandise.
 - g) The host school is not responsible for providing facilities, equipment – including tables, chairs, or easels – or assistance in a contestant's use of visual aids.
 - h) Expedient set-up and take-down of audio/visual aids is expected.
 - i) If a visual aid displays published pictorial material, then the material must be included in the works-cited page but does not need to be cited orally.
- D. The participant shall have available a copy of the speech in the case it is challenged. Any contestant failing to provide the copy is subject to disqualification.
- E. The speaking time shall not be more than ten minutes.
- F. Judging Criteria:
 - 1. Content: Was the content of the speech worthy of communication? Did the speech explain, describe, or illustrate a particular subject? Was the topic significant and interesting?
 - 2. Organization: Was the speech well organized in its development from introduction to conclusion? Was the language suitable to the speech?
 - 3. Delivery: Did the speaker adapt himself/herself to the speaking situation? Did the speaker have a full realization of the content of his/her speech throughout the delivery? Did the speaker exercise a lively sense of communication? Was his/her command of techniques adequate for his/her needs? Was the speech presented in the forms of oral rather than written discourse?
 - 4. Total Effectiveness: Did the speech effectively fulfill its intended purpose?
NOTE: Oral critiques are not permitted. In finals, judges may allow a grace period for audience reaction.
- G. 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 authority to overturn a disqualification.