

ORIGINAL ORATORY (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 original oratory shall:
 - 1. Deliver a persuasive speech of his/her own composition 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. Use no visual aids.
- D. The participant shall have available a copy of the original oration in the case it is challenged. (Any contestant failing to provide the copy is subject to disqualification).
- E. The speaking time shall be not more than ten minutes.
- F. Judging Criteria:
 - 1. Content: Was the content of the speech worthy of communication? Was it a persuasive speech? 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 those of 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 the authority to overturn a disqualification.