



EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING BALLOT

Student Name _____ Round _____ Section _____
 Student Code / School _____ Judge Name / Affiliation _____
 Topic _____ Length of Speech _____

Please comment on the following areas using the questions as guides. See reverse for OSAA rules.

Introduction

- Did the introduction catch your attention and clearly state the topic?

Analysis

- Did the speaker show evidence of critical thinking and sound logic?
- Did the speaker seem knowledgeable about the subject?

Development and Organization

- Did the speech directly address the chosen topic area, and directly answer the topic question?
- Was the organization clear?
- Did the speaker provide explanation, examples and/or evidence to support the analysis?
- If used, were sources clearly cited?

Delivery

- Was the speaker's delivery fluent and natural?
- Were movement and gestures used to reinforce the content of the speech?

Overall Effectiveness

- What was the total impression of the speaker upon you, the critic, as compared to other speakers in the round?

CIRCLE THE NUMBER BELOW THAT INDICATES THE RATING OF THIS SPEAKER. TIES ARE PERMITTED.

EXCELLENT					GOOD					FAIR									
50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31

RANK THE SPEAKER COMPARED TO THE OTHER SPEAKERS. NO TIES ARE PERMITTED.

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OSAA EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING RULES

1. **Communication among judges during the round.** Judges must make independent decisions. Judges shall not discuss decisions with other judges prior to turning in ballots. Timekeepers may share the length of a given speech only. If questions arise regarding the rules or conduct of an event, judges shall ask at Speech State Championships headquarters.
2. **Topic.** Current events of the current school year.
3. **Drawing of Subtopics.** One-half hour before speaking time, each contestant shall draw three topics, one of which shall be chosen by the speaker.
4. **Preparation.** Contestants may use books or magazines during the preparation period, but may not confer with any other person about the topic. An extemp preparation room shall be available at Speech State Championships.
5. **Length.** A maximum of seven minutes shall be allowed for each speech with 30 seconds of grace. A speaker may be disqualified if he speaks more than 7-1 / 2 minutes. A timekeeper will use cards or hand signals showing the time left in the speech: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1 / 2, 0.

If laughter delays the speaker, the timekeeper shall make allowance by stopping the watch at the beginning and starting it at the end of each interruption.

6. **No contestant may be penalized if a stopwatch was not used for timing.**
7. **Notes.** No notes may be used during the delivery, and no promptings are allowed.