



IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

ROUND _____ SECTION _____ ROOM _____ JUDGE _____ HOUR _____

13.9.1. 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.

13.9.2. Topic Area. Choices that would include: One word, one philosophical phrase, one policy- oriented topic.

13.9.3. Procedures of the Contest

- (a) Each contestant shall draw a topic slip containing three topics.
- (b) Contestants may read aloud the topic chosen or may incorporate the topic statement into the speech.
- (c) Contestants shall have **a total of six continuous minutes of time to speak, with a 30-second period of grace. No more than one minute of this allotment may be used for prep time.**
- (d) Notes, materials or previously prepared speech outlines shall not be allowed as the contestant speaks.
- (e) Contestants are not allowed to hear the other speakers before them. After a contestant has spoken, however, they may remain in the room to hear the speakers who follow.

13.9.4. Length. There is no minimum time limit; a maximum of **six** minutes with a 30-second period of grace is allowed. A timekeeper shall use hand signals showing the time left in the speech: **5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1/2, 0.**

The **60**-second preparation period shall be counted as part of the speaking time.

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.

Contestants who violate the time limit may receive a lower rank. No contestant may be penalized if a stopwatch was not used for timing.

	SPEAKER	SELECTION	RATING	RANK
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____

NO ORAL CRITIQUES

Judge's Signature _____