

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Effective August 1, 2009

Purpose

The extemporaneous public speaking CDE is designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing FFA members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time.

Eligibility

1. Contestants must be regularly enrolled students in agricultural education. Contestants must be members in good standing of their FFA chapter. Competition in each district CDE will be limited to one representative per school.

2. A chapter and the participant must have its state and national dues paid before the contestant will be allowed to participate.

Speech Preparation

1. The selection of topics shall be held 30 minutes before a contestant's speech is to be presented.

2. Each speech shall be the result of the contestant's own effort using approved reference material which the contestant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Uniform note cards will be provided each contestant. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30-minute preparation period.

3. Topics shall be prepared by the official(s) in charge of the CDE. The topics will cover the following three themes: a) agriscience and technology; b) agrimarketing; and c) international agricultural relations.

All districts must use these and only these topics in their district event. A list of all 12 topics will be emailed by October 1st of contest year.

4. Contestants will select one topic from each of the three categories. They will then choose one of the three topics on which they will prepare their speech. After each contestant has selected their topic all three topics will be returned to the appropriate container for other

contestants to select.

The contestant must present the judges with the topic of their speech before beginning their presentation.

5. Contestants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15-minute intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation.

6. Reference material will be screened by the officials in charge of the CDE on the following basis:

- a. It must be printed material such as books or magazines. Notes or speeches prepared by the contestant or notes prepared by another person for use during this CDE will not be permitted.
- b. It shall be limited to five items. A notebook or folder containing loose materials may contain NO more than 100 pages or it will be counted as multiple items.

CDE Rules

1. Each speech shall not be less than four minutes nor than more than six minutes with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions which shall be asked by the judges. Judges should deduct .5 point for each second over six minutes and under four minutes. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time.
2. Please refer to the Extemporaneous Speaking Rubric for the scoring values and format.
3. The scoring rubric is presented as a useful tool to aid judges in arriving at just decisions. It is recognized that not everything can be reduced to a numerical score and that differences cannot always be settled equitably on the basis of arithmetic alone, because different persons vary greatly in recording their judgments through numerical ratings.

Fees are paid to the state at the District Level.

Awards

District: Plaques to the top four district winners. Check for \$25 to the 1st place winner.

State: Plaques to the top four state winners. Check for \$100 to the 1st place winner.

1st place State CDE Winner will proceed to the National Competition at the National Convention.

2nd place State Winner will proceed to the Big E Competition at West Springfield Mass.