

EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

Purpose

The purpose of the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event is to develop the ability of FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing them to formulate their remarks for presentation in a limited period of time.

Objectives

The student will be able to:

- I. Communicate effectively on a given subject with 30 minutes of preparation time.
- II. Organize thoughts and ideas in a logical sequence.
- III. Speak on a variety of agricultural topics.
- IV. Select and secure reference material based upon general topic areas.
- V. Present a speech developed by their own efforts and respond to questions regarding its content.
- VI. Develop self-confidence in public speaking.

Event Format

1. Contestants will draw for order of speaking.
2. The **event superintendent** will prepare two subtopics under each of six subject matter areas. Subject matter areas are:
 - A. Agricultural Literacy and Advocacy
 - B. Current Agricultural Issues
 - C. Advancing Agriculture through Agriculture Science
 - D. Current Technology uses and Applications in Agriculture
 - E. Agrimarketing and International Agriculture
 - F. Food and Fiber Systems
3. Each contestant will draw two subtopics and select the one on which to speak. The contestant will have 30 minutes to prepare the speech. Reference materials may be taken into the preparation room.
4. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.
5. Reference material will be screened by those in charge of the event on the following basis:
 - a. Must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the contestant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this event) (copies must reference the origination point).
 - b. Shall be limited to five items. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain **NO** more than 100 single sided pages or 50 double sided pages numbered consecutively (cannot be notes, etc.). (No page limits on books or magazines.) Pages from the INTERNET may be used, provided the source web address is identified on each page. Printing on both sides of a sheet of paper will constitute two (2) pages.
6. Notes made during the preparation period may be used. Index cards will be provided as the contestant enters the preparation room.
7. The chairman of the event shall introduce the contestant by name, chapter, and topic. The contestant may introduce the speech by title only.
8. Each speech shall be not less than four or more than six minutes in length. One point per second under four and over six minutes will be deducted from each contestant's score.
9. Five minutes will be allowed for questioning by the judges. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions pertaining to the presentation of the contestant. The full five minutes should be used. All judges will ask at least one question.

Event Scoring

1. The timekeeper will record and present to each judge the contestant's time. The timekeepers' record will be used in computing the final score for each contestant.
2. Each judge will total the score for each contestant.
3. Contestants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of final score by each judge without consultation with any other judge.
4. The judges' score sheets will be submitted to the contest officials to determine final ratings of contestants.
5. The judges ranking for each contestant shall be added together.
6. The winner will be the contestant whose total of the judges' ranking is the lowest.
7. Tie breaking will be done as follows: 1) Add judges ranking – lowest ranking; 2) If lowest rank value is a tie go to greatest number of lowest ranks; 3) If greatest number of lowest ranks is a tie then rank of judges score on response to questions where applicable; 4) If the greatest number of lowest ranks on response to questions is a tie to use total raw score.

Event Rules and Regulations

1. The state and district rules will be governed by the general rules and regulations of the National Extemporaneous Public Speaking LDE.
2. The number of state extemporaneous speaker entries from each district is listed in the Guidelines under Allocation of Teams.

References

Forms

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Speaking Order									
Possible Points	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
CONTENT RELATED TO TOPIC (Maximum Points 300):									
Appropriateness of the total speech content to the topic selected	60								
Extent to which the speaker addressed the topic selected	60								
Suitability of the material used	60								
Accuracy of the statements	60								
Relationship to the content of agriculture	60								
ORGANIZATION OF MATERIALS (Maximum Points 100):									
Organization of contents	20								
Unity of thought	10								
Logical development	20								
Language used	10								
Sentence structure	10								
Accomplishment of purpose-conclusion	20								
Material related to sub-topic	10								
POWER OF EXPRESSION (Maximum Points 100):									
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communication ability including: fluency, emphasis, directness and sincerity	50								
Conveyance of thought and meaning	50								
VOICE (Maximum Points 100):									
Quality, pitch	25								
Articulation	25								
Pronunciation	25								
Force	25								
STAGE PRESENCE (Maximum Points 100):									
Personal appearance	25								
Poise and body posture	25								
Attitude, confidence and personality	25								
Ease before an audience	25								
GENERAL EFFECT (Maximum Points 100):									
Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention	50								
Evidence of purpose	50								
RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS* (Maximum Points (200):									
Ability to answer the questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly	200								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Gross Total Points	1000								
Less Time Deduction **									
Net Total Points:									
Participant Ranking:									

* Judges should meet prior to the event to prepare and clarify the types of questions to be asked.

** - 1 point per second over, determined by the timekeepers

EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

Points Allowed

1. **Content Related to Topic** includes: 300
Appropriateness of the total speech content to the topic selected.
Extent to which the speaker addressed the topic selected.
Suitability of the material used.
Accuracy of the statements included.
Relationship of the content to agriculture.
2. **Organization of Material** includes: 100
Organization of the content.
Unity of thought.
Logical development.
Language used.
Sentence structure.
Accomplishment of purpose/conclusions.
Material related to subtopic.
3. **Power of Expression** includes: 100
Fluency.
Emphasis.
Directness.
Sincerity.
Communicative ability.
Conveyance of thought and meaning.
4. **Voice** includes: 100
Quality.
Pitch.
Articulation.
Pronunciation.
Force.
5. **State Presence** includes: 100
Personal appearance -----Poise and body posture.
Attitude.-----Confidence.
Personality. -----Ease before audience.
6. **General Effect** includes: 100
Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.
Evidence of purpose.
7. **Response to Questions** includes: 200
Ability to answer the questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly.