

Middle School

Extemporaneous Speaking

Event Rules

All members participating in this event must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Kentucky FFA Middle School General Rules.

One member per chapter may participate in the Middle School Extemporaneous Speaking Event.

Official Dress Appropriate: Yes

State Event: Monday prior to the State FFA Convention

Pre-registration is required by May 1.

Event Procedures

The contestant will draw three specific topics relating to: a) agriscience and technology; b) agri-marketing and international agricultural relations; c) food and fiber systems d)urban agriculture; and e)FFA related issues. The student will have two (2) minutes to select their topic from those drawn. After selecting the topic on which they desire to speak, all three topics will be returned to the original group of topics prior to the next drawing. The list of topics is available at www.kyffa.org

The person in charge of the preparation room will supervise the drawing of topics and notify contestants when they are to speak. Contestants shall draw for order of appearance or be scheduled. After order of appearing is determined, speaker number one shall draw 30 minutes before he/she is to speak. Approximately 5 minutes later the next speaker will draw his/her topic and so on until all speakers have drawn.

FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking contestants shall use only those cards supplied by the person in charge of the contest for his/her notes to use in speaking. Students will not be penalized for the use of note cards.

The person in charge of the FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking contest will have the authority to supervise the preparation room for the contest to see that all contestants meet the rules of the contest.

Reference material will be screened by the officials in charge of the contest preparation room 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 sole purpose of use for this contest.
- b. Shall be limited to five (5) items. To be counted as one item, a notebook of collected items may contain no more than 20 separate items or 100 pages.



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Each speaker shall speak a minimum of three (3) minutes and a maximum of five (5) minutes. A contestant will be penalized one point per each half minute on each judge's score sheet for being over five (5) minutes or under three (3) minutes. Time commences when the speaker begins speaking.

A timekeeper will record the time and give it to the judges. The timekeeper will not stand at any time during the contest.

Five (5) minutes additional time will be allowed each contestant in which to defend his/her speech on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

The judges will be expected to select the winner of the contest using the official score sheet only to supplement their combined opinion.

Items to be Scored

Knowledge of Subject- 20 points

Organization of Material- 10 points

Power of Expression- 20 points

Voice- 10 points

Stage Presence- 10 points

General Effect- 10 points

Response to Questions- 20 points

