

Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Event Rules

All members participating in this Leadership Development Event must meet the eligibility requirements and adhere to the rules of the Kentucky FFA Association as outlined in the Rules Governing FFA Activities document.

This is an individual activity.

Official Dress Appropriate: Yes

Regional Event: Regional FFA Day

State Event: State FFA Convention

SPEECH PREPARATION

The list of topics for this event will be sent to all teachers by the Executive Secretary by January 15th each year and will include current agriculture issues.

The person in charge of the preparation room will supervise the drawing of topics and notify participants when they are to speak. Participants shall draw for order of appearance or be scheduled. After order of appearing is determined, speaker number one shall draw for their topic 30 minutes before he/she is to speak. Approximately 10 minutes later the next speaker will draw his/her topic and so on until all speakers have drawn.

The participant will draw at random three topics from the list of possible topics. The participant 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.

Participants shall use only those cards supplied by the person in charge of the event for his/her notes to use in speaking.

Each participant will have 30 minutes to prepare their speech.

Reference material will be screened by the officials in charge of the event preparation room on the following basis:

- Must be printed material such as books or magazines. Cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the sole purpose of use for this event.
- Resources printed from the internet must contain the URL at the bottom of the page which proves the material was printed in whole from the internet.
- 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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PRESENTATION OF SPEECH (80 POINTS)

Each speaker shall speak a minimum of four (4) minutes and a maximum of six (6) minutes. A participant will be penalized one point per each half minute for being over six (6) minutes or under four (4) minutes on each judge's score sheet. Time commences when the speaker begins speaking.

A timekeeper will record the time and provide it to the judges. The timekeeper in the State contest will not stand at any time during the event. Regions may choose to have the timekeeper stand during the regional event.

For the state contest, participants will be randomly assigned one of two rooms for the preliminary round. The top two participants from each room will be announced and will present their speech again in the finals. For the finals, a new topic will not be drawn, nor will additional preparation time be given.

RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS (20 POINTS)

Upon the conclusion of the speech, five (5) minutes additional time will be allowed each participant in which to defend his/her speech on questions which shall be asked by the judges.

Scoring

Extemporaneous Public Speaking participants in the regional FFA Day event will be rated by the judges as Superior, Excellent, Good, or Fair.

The regional winning speaker and the runner-up will represent the region in the state event.

The participants shall be judged by three (3) persons who represent, as far as possible, the fields of agriculture, business, and education.

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

