

# Prepared 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

## DELIVERY OF PREPARED SPEECH (80 POINTS)

The speech of each participant is to be the result of his/her own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery is limited to the facilities and faculty of the school from which the participant comes. Facts and working data may be secured from any source.

Participants may choose their own subjects for their speeches. Any current subjects of any agricultural character and of general interest to the public will be acceptable.

Three (3) copies of the participant's manuscript that includes a copy of the advisor certification sheet will be required for the regional and state event. The certification sheet will follow the bibliography. A bibliography must be included as a part of the manuscript and direct quotes from any source of information must be marked in "quotes" on the manuscript and be identified with the bibliography. Failure to do so will automatically disqualify a participant. The participant will present manuscripts to the chairperson of the state event before speaking.

Participants shall draw for order of speaking in the regional event. Each participant shall be introduced by the chairperson. The order of speaking for the state event will be announced 2 weeks prior to the convention.

Each speech shall be a minimum of six (6) minutes and a maximum of eight (8) minutes. To prevent being penalized, a participant must speak over 5 minutes, 30 seconds, and under 8 minutes, 30 seconds.

A timekeeper will record the overtime, if any. Deductions will be made as provided by the score sheet. The timekeeper will stand at 7:00 and again at 8:00. Points will be deducted for speeches over or under the time limit.

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 prepared speech again in the finals.



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## RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS (20 POINTS)

Five (5) minutes additional time will be allowed each participant in which to defend his/her production on questions which shall be asked by the judges. Time will begin upon the participant's completion of their prepared speech.

## Scoring

Prepared 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 speeches shall be judged by three 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.

