

Impromptu 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 event. A chapter is allowed one participant in each of the impromptu speaking areas.

Official Dress Appropriate: Yes

Regional Event: Regional FFA Day

State Event: State FFA Convention

IMPROMPTU SPEAKING AREAS

A separate event will be held in each of the following areas:

- Agriculture Mechanics
- Beef
- Crop
- Dairy
- Fruit and Vegetable
- Goat and Sheep
- Greenhouse
- Floral
- Horse
- Nursery and Landscape
- Poultry
- Small Animal
- Swine
- Turf and Lawn Care

TOPICS AND PREPARATION OF SPEECH

Impromptu speaking topics will be set by KAAE and posted on www.kyffa.org.

Approximately thirty (30) minutes before each event is to start, all participants shall assemble, preferably adjacent to the scene of the event. A referee shall supervise the drawing of subjects and shall notify participants when they are to speak. Participants shall draw for order of appearance or be assigned. After order of appearing is determined, speaker number one shall draw a subject twenty (20) minutes before he/she is to speak. Six (6) minutes later the next speaker will draw his/her topic and so on until all speakers have drawn.



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In each event, participants will receive two speech topics from the provided list of possible topics. Participants will choose one of the two topics on which to speak.

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

The person in charge of the FFA Impromptu Speaking event will have the authority to supervise preparation in the events to the extent of limiting resource materials to books, circulars, pamphlets, and other published material. All documents printed from the internet must have the URL printed on each page along with a date/time stamp. Any pages that are hand written or that do not contain the URL will be removed prior to the student entering the preparation room. PDF documents are acceptable as long as the cover page and table of contents are included.

DELIVERY OF SPEECH

Each speaker shall be limited to six (6) minutes to deliver their speech. Time will begin when the speaker begins speaking.

The timekeeper will stand at 5:00 and again at 6:00. A participant will be penalized two points per each half minute over six (6) minutes. The penalty will begin at 6:30.

Scoring

Impromptu 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.

Three judges for each event, are to be selected by the regional organization of the Kentucky Association of Agriculture Educators (KAAE). The judges will select the winner of the event using the official score sheet only to supplement their combined opinion.

