

# Impromptu

Round: \_\_\_\_\_ Competitor: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Event Rules

1. A good impromptu speaker will discuss intelligently and with adequate speaking skills his/her chosen topic. Each contestant will have a different choice of topics.
2. Contestant has six (6) minutes to choose one of three topics, organize thoughts and speak on the chosen topic. No notes may be prepared or used. Speaker must identify the chosen topic as part of introduction.
3. Time limit: preparation and speaking time shall be a total of six (6) minutes. Contestants may use the time as they wish. If the speaker goes over a 30-second grace period that contestant may not be awarded first place in the round. No minimum time limit for speaking.
4. Time signals must be given by the judge: oral signals at 30-second intervals for preparation time and hand signals for the remaining minutes. For example: "6 minutes begins"... "5½ minutes remaining"... "5 minutes remaining"... Use hand signals "4"... "3"... "2"... "1"... closed fist... 30-second grace period.

Rank in Round  
(No Ties Except 5)

Time

## Rate This Speaker

20 – exemplary in every way – best competitor ever  
19 – almost the best speech I have ever seen  
18 – outstanding performance; superior work  
17 – fantastic speech; minimal flaws  
16 – clearly very good work – minor technical flaws emerge  
15 – work is good, but shows technical flaws  
14 – work is good, but shows some flaws with fluency or organization  
13 – work is good, but lacks direction  
12 – work is sound, but more practice could improve performance  
11 – work is sound, but organizational flaws detract from the performance  
10 – speech shows promise, but improvement is necessary – delivery may have been off  
9 – significant improvement is needed  
8 – speech is very short or major improvements are necessary

|                               | Superior | Excellent | Average | Unprepared |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Adherence to Topic            | 1        | 2         | 3       | 4          |
| General Knowledge of Area     | 1        | 2         | 3       | 4          |
| Originality / Insight         | 1        | 2         | 3       | 4          |
| Clear / Coherent Organization | 1        | 2         | 3       | 4          |
| Use of Voice                  | 1        | 2         | 3       | 4          |
| Convincing Speaker            | 1        | 2         | 3       | 4          |

I Enjoyed...

Work On...

Overall...

Judge: