



Board Approved Terms and Conditions Changes for Individual Events for 2009-10

1. Item II c Dates and Site

Recommendation: The State Final will be held at The Peoria Civic Center in Peoria.

Rationale: The state final site will be centrally located in Peoria with hopes that a standardized venue will be beneficial to the efficiency, logistics and time schedule of the tournament.

2. Item VI E & F Regional/Sectional and State Final Time Schedule

Recommendation:

Regionals and Sectionals 4:00 FINALS: Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Duet Acting, Radio Speaking, Special Occasion Speaking, Poetry Reading, *Informative Speaking*

State final 3:00 FINALS: Dramatic Interpretation, Extemporaneous Speaking, Humorous Duet Acting, Original Comedy, Radio Speaking, Special Occasion Speaking, *Informative Speaking*

Rationale: This change would add the new event Informative Speaking to the 4:00 pm finals for regionals and sectionals and the 3:00 pm final round of competition at the state final.

3. Item VI H Programs

Recommendation: Identification of Competing Schools: Every school will be identified in the Regional, Sectional and State Final program under the Competitor Roster. Each performer will be identified in the program under their event by their first and last name and material title if applicable.

Rationale: This format was piloted this past year and coaches were receptive to the fact that the schools are identified in the front of the program; however, the performance order listing and ballots were void of the school names which kept school identification anonymous for judges.

4. Item VIII A Tournament Rules

Recommendation: Extemporaneous Speaking

Presentation: ...The speaker may use an annotated bibliography in addition, consult books, magazines, newspapers and summary notes (not to be construed as a prepared speech outline). Past speeches and/or prepared speech outlines may not be used.

Rationale: This statement clarifies if students can use past extemporaneous speeches and/or prepared speech outlines in the Extemp. prep room. Last years minutes reflected a discrepancy and this rule revision clearly states what is allowed in the prep room.

7. Item VIII A Tournament Rules

Recommendation: Impromptu Speaking

Definition: Impromptu Speaking is an event in which a student is given two (2) minutes to prepare and six (6) minutes to deliver an original limited preparation speech.

Material: Topics shall be chosen from the following categories: Quotations, Words, Phrases and Proverbs. Categories will vary from round to round. Topics will vary from section to section. In a given round, all students within the same section will speak on a topic of their choice from a selection of three topics. Judges shall see the three topics that the students may select.

Time Limit: Two (2) minutes of mandatory prep time will be given in the performance room and six (6) minutes of speaking time will be allowed.

Time Limit Penalty: For each full thirty (30) seconds of overtime (6:30.01, 7:00.01, etc or 1 tic past 6:30, 7:00, etc on a sweep hand) the speakers' ranking from each judge will be lowered by one (1) place. This reduction is mandatory and will be administered by the tournament management. The other speakers' ranks will not be affected. There is no penalty for speaking less than six (6) minutes.

Use of Script, Props, and Visual Aids During Performance: Only one note card made during the prep time may be used.

Presentation: All scheduled Impromptu Speakers will begin in the performing room. The room chair will welcome the speakers and take roll. The speakers will then be dismissed to the hallway. The first scheduled speaker will remain in the competition room. At an appropriate time before each student speaks, the room chair shall give the topics to the speaker. The speaker shall select a topic in which to speak and then return the topics to the room chair. After receiving the topics, the student may not leave the room (unless there is an emergency) or consult with anyone during his/her allotted time. Preparation materials are limited to a writing implement and one (1) note card that may be used during delivery. The speaker may not enter the room until their scheduled speaking times and must remain after they have finished speaking unless they are double entered and must leave to perform in another round. Students who leave the room due to double entries must not share the topic or genre with other students. Compromising the confidentiality of the topic(s) may result in disqualification. Spectators must remain in the room until all contestants have finished speaking.

Note: All other rules of the event shall remain the same

Rationale: This format would be a compromise to the format used last year. It incorporates a choice of topic(s) for the speaker that is more performer friendly and allows students to have a standardized amount of prep time so undo emphasis is not on the prep time by the judge but rather the content of the speech. No additional prep room or prep room monitor will be required. The topics should be picked up at tournament central by the room chair prior to the start of the round. It is recommended that prep time space is located behind the judges in the performing room.

8. Item VIII A Tournament Rules

Recommendation: Informative Speaking

Definition: Informative Speaking is the original expository oral presentation of the student.

Purpose: The purpose of Informative Speaking is to guide students in research, organization and the development of a sense of literary style in speech designed to express their own interests.

Material: The content, format, style and thoughts of the material must be the original product of the student. No more than 150 words in the speech may be direct quotation. A fabricated topic/subject may not be used. A student may not use any portion of his/her original oratory if double entered at the tournament.

Appropriateness of Material: See Art, VIII-A-1-2 of the Individual Events Terms and Conditions.

Time Limit: 8 minutes

Timekeeping Procedures: See ART VIII-D of the Individual Events Terms and Conditions.

Time Limit Penalty: For each full thirty (30) seconds of overtime (8:30.01, 9:00.01, etc. or 1 tic past 8:30, 9:00, etc. on a sweep hand) the speakers' ranking from each judge will be lowered by one (1) rank. This reduction is mandatory and will be administered by tournament management. The other speakers' ranks will not be affected. There is no penalty for speaking less than eight (8) minutes.

Use of Script, Props and Visual Aids during Performance: Notes or manuscript may be used. Visual aids may not be included in the presentation.

Presentation: Students may use notes, manuscripts or speak from memory. An introduction, if used, will be included in presentation time.

Standards for Excellence: The student should describe, clarify, illustrate or define an object, idea, concept, or process. The topic of the speech should be of current interest and have a purpose. The material should show preparation, knowledge and clear thought. The organization should demonstrate clear, logical development of idea. The style should demonstrate an effective choice of words and phrases. The delivery should be clear, sincere and interesting and the speaker's appearance should be effective without being distracting.

Rationale: It was approved last year to add Informative Speaking to the list of IE events for the 2009-10 competition season. The Advisory Committee reviewed feedback and recommendations and moved to continue with the addition of the new

event. The above recommendation clarifies the rules of the new event. The event will be reviewed again following the 2009-10 competition season.

9. Item VIII D 5 a Timekeeping

Recommendation: In Radio and Extemporaneous Speaking, the prep room monitor will inform speakers of the allowable prep time and dismiss the speakers accordingly. In Impromptu Speaking, the timer will give the speaker oral prep time signals in 15 second intervals in the competition room. At (2) two minutes the prep time ends and the Impromptu timer will direct the competing student to begin their speech.

Rational: This clarifies and standardizes how prep time signals should be given at all levels of the tournament series. Times should not be given to judges (regardless if they request) in any event except Radio.