



The Christian School Speech & Debate League
A Ministry of the Institute for Principle Studies

OFFICIAL IMPROMPTU SPEECH RULES

I. Format

- A. Each competitor will have a maximum of 2 minutes for preparation before their presentation and a maximum of 5 minutes for speaking time.
- B. A minimum of two competitors and maximum of eight competitors per room.

II. Content

- A. Impromptu topics will be chosen by the tournament director and may include (but are not limited to) quotations, words, pictures, or objects.
- B. No two students in the same room may draw the same topic.
- C. Competitors may not access or use outside notes, props or any electronic device. A blank note card may be used to take notes during the preparation time. Electronic devices include, but are not limited to cell phones, computers, or any other type of electronic device capable of storing information and/or accessing the internet. Pre-approved exceptions to the electronic device prohibition may be granted by the LFA to accommodate a competitor with a documented disability.

III. Judging

- A. Rounds may have one or more judges.
- B. Judges may consist of anyone who is over the age of 16, and not competing in the Logos Forensic Association at any tournament during that year.

IV. Dress Code

- A. Competitors must dress both modestly and business professionally. This includes, but is not limited to:
- B. GENTLEMEN: Should wear collared shirts and ties, sport coats or suits, with dress shoes.
- C. LADIES: Should wear dresses, skirts, or suits, with dress shoes. Skirt length should cover the knees when standing. Tops should be of modest height.

V. Disciplinary Action

In the event that there is an infraction of the rules, the tournament director should be notified. The tournament director may review the case and make a decision based on the circumstances. Disciplinary options may include a warning, the loss of the round where the infraction occurred, or removal from the tournament.