



# MASTER BALLOT EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Round Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (1,2,3,SF,F) Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Judge Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Code	Name	Rank (No ties)	Rating

Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING



### ***Definition & General Rules:***

Each contestant shall speak from 4 to 7 minutes (with a 30 second grace period) on one of three topics drawn at random 30 minutes before the time of presentation. No notes may be used during the presentation. The extemporaneous contest is not to be viewed as a feat of memory, but rather as an original synthesis of current fact and opinion on the topic chosen.

### ***Judging Considerations: (The National Forensic League)***

The extempore speech should not be regarded as a memory test of the material contained in any one magazine article, but rather as an original synthesis by the speaker of the current fact and opinion on the designated topic as presented by numerous sources. The contestant therefore should be held accountable for strict adherence to the precise statement of the topic drawn and discounted severely for shifting to some other phase of the topic on which s/he might prefer to speak. The information presented should be well chosen, pertinent, and sufficient to support the central thought of the topic.

The material should be organized according to some logical plan to produce a complete speech within the time allowed. Delivery should be free from marked defects in the mechanics of speech -- poise, quality and use of voice, enunciation, fluency, bodily expressiveness -- and should be effective in enlisting and holding the interest of the audience.

The best extemporaneous speech combines clear thinking, good speaking, and interesting presentation to establish a definite thought with respect to the subject chosen. Do not require a contestant speaking on a controversial subject to take a personal stand on that issue. S/He may do so, or s/he may elect to present both sides of the controversy as currently set forth in the public press. Judge him/her on the effectiveness with which s/he develops the subject according to his/her own plan.

### ***Time constraints:***

4-7 minutes with a 30 second grace period. Penalties for "excessive" over-undertime are at the discretion of the judge.