



MASTER BALLOT IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

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

Judge Name: _____ Affiliation: _____
Please **Print** Name and Affiliation

Please review the judging considerations on the reverse side of this form.

Code	Name	Rank (No ties)	Rating

Judge Signature: _____



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Definition & General Rules:

Each contestant will draw three topics and choose one. The other two are returned to the judge/topic pool. Time starts after the contestant selects his topic. The contestant will have a total of seven minutes to use for preparation and delivery of the "speech". Topics will cover a variety of areas. The contestant will be free to develop any approach or interpretation of the topic; however, 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' with the time allowed. The use of supporting details is encouraged. The judge in the room will conduct the drawing and keep time.

Judging Considerations: (The National Forensic League)

The Impromptu speech should be regarded as an original interpretation by the speaker of the designated topic as supported by varied materials and gives a contestant opportunity to be creative and imaginative. An impromptu speech should reveal the student's ability to organize his thoughts in a logical manner.

The contestant should be held accountable for strict adherence to the topic drawn and discounted severely for shifting to some other 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 impromptu speech combines clear thinking, good speaking, and interesting presentation with respect to the subject chosen. Notes are not permitted.

Time constraints:

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