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Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Purpose

The State FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event is designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance. This event gives FFA members an opportunity to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time.

The event will be held in connection with the State FFA Convention.

Event Rules

The Kansas FFA State Extemporaneous Public Speaking Leadership Development Event will be limited to five participants from each district.

1. Any FFA member may participate as long as they: a) are currently enrolled in high school agricultural education; b) have not placed first in state competition previously.
2. It is highly recommended that participants wear FFA Official Dress for this event. According to the Official FFA Manual, official dress is defined as:
 - An official FFA jacket zipped to the top.
 - Black slacks and black socks/nylons or black skirt and black nylons.
 - White collared blouse or white collared shirt.
 - Official FFA tie or official FFA scarf.
 - Black dress shoes with closed heel and toe.
3. At least three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At least one judge should have an agricultural background. Any advisor who has a student or former student competing in a speaking event may not serve as a judge for that respective speaking event.
4. Any participant in possession of any electronic device, not provided by the event committee, in the preparation room is subject to disqualification.

Event Format

1. Event officials will randomly assign speaking order.
2. The selection of topics will be held 30 minutes before the event. The participants will draw three specific topics, selected at random from the pool of 18, relating to the industry of

agriculture. After selecting the topic they desire to speak on, all three topics will be returned for the next drawing.

3. Eighteen topics will be prepared by the event superintendent and will include three each from the following categories:
 - Agricultural literacy and advocacy.
 - Current agricultural issues.
 - Advancing agriculture through agricultural science.
 - Current technology uses and applications in agriculture.
 - Agrimarketing and international agriculture.
 - Food and fiber systems.
4. Participants will be admitted to the preparation room at 15-minute intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation.
5. The officials in charge of the event will screen reference material using the following guidelines:
 - Must be limited to five items.
 - Printed material such as books or magazines.
 - Printed compilation of collected materials from Internet research.

****New-2022**** Participants may have up to 10 minutes to conduct online research. Computers will be provided. Access to email, Dropbox or any prepared materials are prohibited. A room monitor will be the official timekeeper for each contestant's technology time. The use of prepared notes or speeches, even if accessed with technology time, is prohibited and will be grounds for disqualification.

- To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain no more than 100 single-sided pages or 50 pages double-sided numbered consecutively.
 - References should be in original format.
 - There can be no notes or speeches prepared by the participant or by another person for the purpose of use in this event. Cutting and pasting into a Microsoft Word document will be considered prepared notes.
6. Each speech should be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material which the participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided. Participants must use the uniform note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30-minute preparation period. A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation.
 7. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.
 8. Each speech should be not less than four and no more than six minutes in length. An additional five minutes will be allowed for the questioner to ask related questions. The room monitor will introduce the participant by name and chapter, and the participant may introduce his or her speech by title only. Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being over six minutes or under four minutes. Time

commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time. Event officials or observers will give no time warnings.

9. The state event will be conducted in three rounds: preliminaries, semifinals and finals. No ranking will be given except for the final four speakers. Comment cards for all participants will be distributed following the announcement of the top four winners.
10. Timekeepers will record the time for each participant in delivering his or her speech, noting under time or over time, if any, for which deductions should be made.
11. At the time of the event, the judges will be seated in a designated section of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the production using the score sheet provided.
12. Each room in all rounds will have one person designated as a questioner and score all questions for the event round. Questions will pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. The full five minutes should be used.
13. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score on each participant. The timekeepers' record will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The questioner will provide scores to the judges for questions. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final ratings of participants.

Scoring

Participants will be ranked in numerical order based on the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' rankings of each participant will then be added, and the winner will be the participant whose total ranking is the lowest. Other placings will be determined in the same manner (uses low-rank method of selection).

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. The participants' low ranks will be counted, and the participant with the greatest number of low ranks will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the event superintendent will rank the participants' responses to questions. The participant with the greatest number of low ranks from the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the participants' raw scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

Awards

Awards will be presented on stage during a session of State FFA Convention.

- 1st place- \$100, plaque and gold medal
- 2nd place- \$50, plaque and gold medal
- 3rd place- \$25, plaque and gold medal
- 4th place- \$25, plaque and gold medal

Resources

This list of references is not intended to be all-inclusive.

Other sources may be utilized, and teachers are encouraged to make use of the very best instructional materials available. The following list contains references that may prove helpful during event preparation.

NATIONAL FFA CORE CATALOG

- Figures of Speech DVD
- CDE Q&A's, FFA.org
- American Farm Bureau Federation, www.fb.org
- United States Department of Agriculture, www.usda.gov