



Official Description of JV Apologetics

WHAT ARE “PUBLIC ADDRESS” SPEECH EVENTS?

Public address speeches are individual events in which the competitor chooses a topic that meets the event’s criteria, writes an original speech, memorizes it, and then presents it within the allowable timeframe.

WHAT IS JV APOLOGETICS?

Junior Varsity Apologetics is a public address speech event in which the competitor presents an original, factual, memorized speech, written solely by the competitor (limited parental help is allowed) addressing one of the questions (see below) being used for the current competitive season. Visual aids are not allowed.

THE PURPOSE OF JV APOLOGETICS

The purpose of JV Apologetics is to motivate students to study their Christian faith and to prepare them to articulate a defense of what they believe. The goal of the speech is to present factual, heartfelt information in a reasoned, persuasive and winsome manner.

STRUCTURE OF THE JV APOLOGETICS SPEECH

Each JV Apologetics speech should be well-organized, including an introduction, in which **the question they are answering must be stated**, 2-3 main points and a conclusion. Examples, illustrations and definitions should be used to support the thesis and main points of the speech.

THE QUESTIONS

1. How do you know the Bible is true?
2. What makes you think God created everything?
3. What does it mean to love our neighbor as ourselves? Mark 12:31
4. What does the Bible say about worship?

TIME LIMIT

Time begins when the speaker begins speaking and ends when the speaker has finished speaking. Maximum speech length for competitors is eight (8) minutes total. There is no minimum time requirement.



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As for all CCoFSE “Public Address” speech events:

- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at anytime.
- The use of facial expression, vocal variety and appropriate gestures is encouraged.
- Physical movement, such as taking steps while speaking, should be limited to the center of the presentation space.
- Humor and satire are permitted. Vulgarity, racial slurs and inappropriate humor are not allowed.
- Memorization of the student's original work is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting are allowed.
- The delivery of the speech should be enthusiastic, direct, sincere, and communicative, using good vocal variety, clear enunciation, fluency, and appealing to the interests of the audience.
- All directly quoted and/or paraphrased material must be properly cited in the speech.
- Use of a speech from any prior year is prohibited.
- The student must provide a typed copy of the speech to the Tournament Registrar upon arriving at the tournament. See script submission link on speech page.



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