



# JV Impromptu

**Description:** *JV Impromptu Speaking is a limited preparation speech event in which the competitor is given three (3) minutes to prepare a speech on a randomly drawn quotation or topic.*

**Goal:** *To create a polished speaker who is able to give an original, spontaneously prepared speech within the room, using the selected topic as the central theme.*

## **Impromptu Preparation Rules:**

Topics should be of the same type for all competitors in the round. *Topics will be chosen from concrete nouns, questions, or simple proverbs.*

## **Impromptu Administration Rules:**

1. One judge in each room will be given room administration instructions, including topic distribution.
2. A list of possible topics will be given to all judges in the room.
3. After entering the room, the competitor will draw three (3) single topics, choose one (1), and return the other two (2) topics before leaving the room. The chosen topic should not be returned.
4. Preparation time begins as soon as the competitor draws the first topic.
5. During preparation time, the timepiece must be **facing toward the competitor** and **counting down**. Local tournaments may still choose to give verbal countdown signals every thirty (30) seconds until three (3) minutes have elapsed.
6. Unused preparation time may not be added to the speaking time.
7. The competitor may take notes on a 3x5 card during preparation time, and may refer to the notes during the speech.

## **Impromptu Presentation Rules:**

1. Competitors may approach the topic in any way they choose, but the topic must be the central theme of the speech and not peripheral to it.
2. Competitors may not bring any prepared material into the room.
3. Competitors must state the topic early in the speech and adhere to the chosen topic.
4. Each speech should be a fresh, original presentation, developed from one of the topics given and prepared on the spot.
5. No computers, Kindles, iPods, cell phones, or other electronic media devices, audio or visual aids or props may be used for Impromptu preparation or presentation.
6. No audio or visual aids or props may be used.
7. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
8. Competitors must not listen to Impromptu competitors speaking before them, but may remain in the room to listen to subsequent speakers.
9. Maximum speaking time is three (3) minutes.
10. Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going over time by fifteen (15) seconds or more.

**Preparation time – three (3) minutes. Speaking time – three (3) minutes. No minimum time.**