



JV Apologetics

Description: *Junior Varsity Apologetics is a public address speech event in which the competitor presents an original, factual, memorized speech, written solely by the speaker (limited parental help is allowed) addressing one of the questions being used for the current competitive season (see below).*

Goal: *To motivate participants to study their Christian faith and to prepare them to articulate a defense of what they believe by presenting factual, heartfelt information in a reasoned, persuasive and winsome manner.*

JV Apologetics Administration Rules:

1. One judge in each room will be given room administration instructions.
2. The timepiece must be **facing toward the competitor** and **counting up**. Local tournaments may still choose to give verbal countdown signals every thirty (30) seconds until three (3) minutes have elapsed.

JV Apologetics Presentation Rules:

Competitors select, research and answer only one of the four (4) questions listed.

The Questions:

1. **What are some big ways that Christianity is different from other religions?**
 2. **How do you know Jesus rose from the dead?**
 3. **What is the plan of salvation?**
 4. **What is forgiveness?**
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1. The speech should be well-organized, including an introduction, in which **the question being answered must be stated**, 2-3 main points, and a conclusion.
 2. Examples, illustrations, definitions, and/or Scripture should be used to support the thesis and main points of the speech.
 3. Competitors may approach the question in any way they choose, but the question must be the central theme of the speech and not peripheral to it
 4. All directly quoted and/or paraphrased material must be properly cited in the speech.
 5. 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.
 6. The use of facial expression, vocal variety and appropriate gestures is encouraged.
 7. Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
 8. Physical movement, such as taking steps while speaking, should be limited to the center of the presentation space.
 9. No props, costumes, or audiovisuals may be used.
 10. Humor and satire are permitted. Vulgarity, racial slurs and inappropriate humor are prohibited.
 11. Memorization of the speaker's original work is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting are allowed.
 12. Competitors will be penalized for going over the time limit.
 13. Use of a speech from any prior year is prohibited.
 14. Competitors must provide a typed copy of the speech to the Tournament Registrar upon arriving at the tournament. See script submission.
 15. Maximum speaking time is eight (8) minutes. There is no minimum time limit.
 16. Competitors will receive a one (1) rank penalty for going over time by fifteen (15) seconds or more.