

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
SPEECH & DRAMA FESTIVALS

## EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CODE # \_\_\_\_\_

SELECTION \_\_\_\_\_ ROUND \_\_\_\_\_ ROOM \_\_\_\_\_

Judge's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*"The extemporaneous speech is a spontaneous, original oral expression of ideas on a given subject about which the speaker has had previous knowledge, preparation and planning. The speaker may or may not use a note card during presentation. The speech shall be no longer than 7 minutes."*

*-KSHSAA Speech and Drama Manual*

**Please write judge's comments on the front and the back of this ballot.  
Remember, this is to be a learning experience.**

**Some considerations in judging Extemporaneous Speech:**

**Content**

- A. Was the speech a reasonable development of the exact topic selected?
- B. Does the speaker give support of his/her ideas with factual examples and illustrations?
- C. Does he/she use the information to develop his/her ideas?

**Organization**

- A. Does the speaker present the introduction and conclusion in an adequate manner?
- B. Does the speaker use an appropriate organizational pattern?
- C. Does the speaker make his/her points and transitions in an adequate manner?

**Diction**

- A. Does the speaker use language that is appropriate, colorful and exact?
- B. Does the speaker employ proper pronunciation and effective enunciation?
- C. Is the voice pleasant, with enough variety and emphasis?

**Delivery**

- A. Is the speaker direct, animated and communicative in manner?
- B. Does he/she have distracting habits and mannerisms?

**Time Limit:** If an official timekeeper is present, any performance in excess of the 15-second grace period shall not receive the "I" ranking in the round. Any performer(s) exceeding 30 seconds over the time limit shall receive the lowest ranking in the round. If no official timekeeper is present, no penalty shall be enforced. THE JUDGE SHALL NOT SERVE AS OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPER.

**Participant's Information:** Please remember that the sections of your ballot do not carry equal weight. Each judge is allowed to determine the percentage evaluation of each section.

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Check **ONE ROMAN NUMERAL (I=BEST) FOR DIVISION RATING**

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**Comments:**