

KANSAS STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION  
SPEECH & DRAMA INVITATIONALS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

## IMPROMPTU SPEECH

NAME	CODE #	
SELECTION	ROUND	ROOM

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

*"The impromptu speech is an original interpretation by the speaker of the designated topic as supported by varied materials and gives a contestant the opportunity to be creative and imaginative. The speech shall not be more than 5 minutes in length"*

—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 Impromptu Speech:**

**Content**

- A. Was the speech a reasonable, interesting or clever development of the topic chosen?
- B. Does the speaker give support of his/her ideas with interesting, clever or 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. Is the language of the speaker suitable, colorful and vivid?
- B. Is the voice pleasant, with enough variety and emphasis?
- C. Does the speaker employ proper pronunciation and effective enunciation?

**Delivery**

- A. Is the speaker poised, animated, direct, and physically communicative?
- 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.

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**RANK CONTESTANTS CONSECUTIVELY (1st = BEST)**

Check **ONE RANK ONLY**. No two contestants may receive the same rank.

☐ 1st ☐ 2nd ☐ 3rd ☐ 4th ☐ 5th ☐ 6th ☐ 7th ☐ 8th ☐ 9th ☐ 10th

**Comments:**