

Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Skills Event

Objective: To develop the ability of FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance.

A. Rules and Regulations

1. The event is open to all FFA members in good standing who are regularly enrolled in agricultural education at or above the ninth grade level during one or both semesters of the school year and who have not placed first in a state Extemporaneous Speaking Leadership Skills Event.
2. *Each district will determine the number of individuals per school allowed to compete at the district level. Each district may send a maximum of two individuals to state competition.*
3. An extemporaneous speaking participant may compete in only one of the following events in a given year: Junior Parliamentary Procedure, Senior Parliamentary Procedures, or Agricultural Demonstration. They are not eligible to compete in job interview or any other speaking leadership skills events in a given year.
4. Twelve topics shall be prepared by the State FFA Staff. Topics will be from the following four areas:

*Agriscience and Technology
Urban Agriculture*

*Food and Fiber Systems
Agrimarketing and International Agricultural Relations*

5. The topics will be on individual cards. Each participant will draw three cards and select a topic. After selection, all topics will be returned to the original group of topics prior to the next drawing.
6. Each participant must bring their own reference material. This material will be screened by the officials in charge of the career development event on the following basis:
 - a. Shall be limited to five items. Must be printed material such as books or magazines and/or a compilation of collected materials. (cannot be notes/speeches prepared for this event).
 - b. To be counted as one item—a notebook or folder of collected materials may not contain more than 100 pages, single sided or 50 pages double sided numbered consecutively. (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use in this event) Copies must reference the origination point.
7. Each speech will be limited to six minutes and not less than four minutes in length. One point will be deducted for each second overtime or undertime. A maximum of five minutes additional time will be allowed each participant to answer questions asked by the evaluators.
8. Each participant's speech is to be the result of his/her own effort. Note card paper will be provided. Each participant will be granted 30 minutes to prepare his/her remarks.

B. Guide for Conducting FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Event

Prior to the event:

1. The order of appearance will be determined in advance of the event.
2. Hand out one of the following to each evaluator:
 - a. FFA Extemporaneous Speaking Rules and Regulations
 - b. Official score card/Results sheets
 - c. List of topics
 - d. Order of appearance roster

Start the event:

1. Each participant must be allowed the full 30-minute preparation period.
2. The participant will draw three topics and select the one they wish to speak on. The participant must write down the topic and return all three cards to the original group prior to the next drawing.
3. Each participant will be introduced to the evaluators by the individual running the event.
4. After each participant the timer will record the total time and forward to the evaluators.
5. Each participant is to have a maximum of five minutes of questioning from the evaluators. These questions are to be based on the speech.

After event:

1. Each evaluator should total each contestant's score and arrive at the placing. Discussion between evaluators is allowed and encouraged.
2. Ribbons may be awarded based on the guidelines on the results sheets.
3. A critique sheet should be completed for each participant.
4. Two copies of the results should be completed on the sheets provided. List name/chapter of each participant.

Event dress:

1. Each participant should wear the official FFA dress as defined in the official FFA Manual. Male—a white shirt, official FFA tie, dark trousers, dark socks, dark shoes and FFA jacket. Female—a white blouse, official FFA scarf, dark skirt/slacks, dark shoes and FFA jacket.
2. Points will be deducted for variance from official dress.

C. Official Score Card

Content Relation to Topic	300
Organization of Material	100
Power of Expression.....	100
Voice	100
Stage Presence	100
General Effect.....	100
Response to Questions.....	<u>200</u>
Total	1000

D. Awards Recognition

1. District Awards—Participants meriting awards shall be rated as purple, blue, red, or white. Each district may send a maximum of two contestants to the state competition.
2. State Awards—Participants in the state event will be designated as gold, silver, or bronze medal recipients. A trophy will be awarded to the top winner. Cash awards will be awarded to the top three winners in the state event.
3. The winner will represent Nebraska in the National Extemporaneous Speaking Career Development Event.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING EVENT CRITIQUE SHEET

Participant: _____

FFA Chapter: _____

	Excellent	Good	Average	Fair	Poor	Recommendations for Improvement
Content related to topic Appropriateness of total speech content to topic selected; Extent to which the speaker addressed topic selected; Suitability of material used; Accuracy of the statements; Relationship to the content of agriculture <i>(maximum of 300 points)</i>						
Organization of materials Organization of contents Unity of thought Logical development Language used Sentence structure Accomplishment of purpose-conclusion Material related to sub-topic <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Power of expression Communicative ability including: fluency, emphasis, directness and sincerity; Conveyance of thought and meaning <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Voice Quality, Pitch Articulation Pronunciation Force <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Stage presence Personal appearance Poise and body posture Attitude, confidence, personality Ease before audience <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
General effect Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable and convincing; Evidence of purpose <i>(maximum of 100 points)</i>						
Response to Questions Ability to answer the questions on the subject indicating the familiarity with subject & ability to think quickly <i>(maximum of 200 points)</i>						
TOTAL <i>(maximum of 1,000 points)</i>						Time _____ Points Deducted _____

GENERAL COMMENTS: