



Prepared Speaking

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Purpose: To encourage Public Service students to improve their skills in speaking and their abilities in organizing and presenting facts or information about a topic related to a specific theme.

Description of Event: Competitors shall develop a speech related to the career path they have chosen. It must be in the Criminal Justice or Firefighter.

Limit: 3 students per chapter.

Dress Code: Appropriate dress to include; business attire, chapter uniform or other attire appropriate for the competition, or as directed by your chapter advisor.

Rules:

1. To be eligible for the competition a student must be enrolled in a secondary public service education program or a program completer as recognized by Florida Department of Education.
2. Contestant numbers and order of competition will be pre-assigned on a random selection basis (*computer may be used*).
3. Competitors shall report at the appropriate time and place designated and will be placed in a holding room/area until their contestant numbers are called.
4. No materials will be allowed in the presentation room. The prepared speeches shall be 3 to 5 minutes in length. The time penalty shall be three (3) points for each 15 seconds or greater fraction thereof for speeches under 3 minutes or over 5 minutes.
5. The timekeeper shall present flash cards advising the competitor of the time remaining at 4 minutes, 3 minutes, 2 minutes and 1 minute. The timekeeper shall advise the Judge if a time penalty is applicable after each contestant has finished his/her speech.
6. All competitors shall speak on a topic related to their career field and approved by their chapter advisor.
7. Props may not be used. The participant will be disqualified if they are used.
8. Should a tie occur within a section, judges will use scores on rating sheet section(s) with the highest point value(s) in descending order, to break the tie.
9. There will be no microphones used for the prepared speaking events.

Required Personnel:

One Chairman

One Timekeeper

Three to five Judges (*It is recommended that at least one Judge have a background in a Public Service profession and one with experience in Public Speaking.*)

Two Courtesy Corps members

Facilities and Equipment:

Room with lectern, microphone, desk chairs or table, chair for Judges and chairs or observers.

Holding room with sufficient number of chairs

Flash cards (*4, 3, 2, & 1 minute*)

Hand calculator(s)

Note pads and pencils for Judges

Cups and water

Rating Sheets for the Judges



Prepared Speaking Scoring Guidelines

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Each competency will receive points as valued by the Judge(s). Competitor's total score may vary based on the procedure(s) selected. Only a one time-penalty shall be deducted from the total score by the Chair of the Judges. The time penalty shall be 3 points for each 15 seconds or greater fraction thereof for speeches under three (3) minutes or over five (5) minutes in length.

Competitor Number _____ Team Number _____ Final Score _____
 Competition Order Number _____
 Section Number _____
 Sketcher _____
 Judge's Name _____ Judge's Signature _____
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Points Values

Excellent =16-20

Superior =11-15

Good =6-10

Poor = 0-5

Content

| Skill | Score |
|---|-------|
| 1 Content appropriate to their career field | _____ |
| 2 Accurate information | _____ |
| 3 Coverage of topic selected | _____ |
| Total | _____ |

Organization

| Skill | Score |
|------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Opening | _____ |
| 2 Closing | _____ |
| 3 Cohesion of body of speech | _____ |
| Total | _____ |

Delivery

| Skill | Score |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| 1 Voice (pitch, tempo, quality) | _____ |
| 2 Diction | _____ |
| 3 Grammar | _____ |
| 4 Pronunciation | _____ |
| Total | _____ |

Presentation

| Skill | Score |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1 Dress and appearance | _____ |

Total points

| | |
|--|--------------|
| | 220 possible |
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Prepared Speaking Judge's Winner Sheet

Student Scores

1st Place School

Student

2nd Place School

Student

3rd Place School

Student

4th Place School

Student

5th Place School

Student