

**Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association
Impromptu Speaking – Comment Ballot**

Performer _____ School # _____

Topic _____ Round 1 2 S F Section _____

Length of Performance _____ Rank (Circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Rules: (If a rule is broken, judge should lower the speaker one ranking.)

***Based on a selection of one of three written statements, phrases or objects, the speaker will prepare a speech that lasts for at least two minutes.**

***Speaker is given a TOTAL of 7 minutes with a 30 second grace period to PREPARE and DELIVER his/her speech.**

***Prep time begins once a student tells judge what topic they choose.**

***Minute by minute time signals must be given to contestant.**

***Judge calls contestant to choose a number associated with a group of 3 topics. Contestant chooses topic. That group of topics is now eliminated from being chosen by other contestants. Time begins. Contestant has 7 minutes (30 second grace) to prepare and deliver speech. When contestant is ready to speak, he/she goes to front of room and begins speech. TIME NEVER STOPS UNTIL CONTESTANT FINISHES SPEAKING.**

Criteria For Evaluation:

Judge's Remarks:

Organization: Speech is organized with introduction, body and conclusion evident. Introduction contains an attention device and thesis statement. Body has at least three main points. Conclusion contains a repeat of main points and an ending statement.

Analysis and Content: Speaker shows credibility and understanding of speech topic. Speaker uses logic and reasoning when presenting main points. Speaker uses supporting examples within speech.

Oral Presentation: Transitions are used and flow smoothly. Speaker uses appropriate emotions for topic and speech. Speaker uses fluid speech with good projection, articulation and clear diction. Speaker uses appropriate word choice.

Physical Presentation: Speaker uses appropriate body language and movement. Speaker uses appropriate gestures. Speaker uses appropriate eye contact with audience. No nervous habits are evident during speech presentation.

Judge's Signature _____ School # _____