EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

RULES AND REGULATIONS

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

ALABAMA FFA ASSOCIATION

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FFA EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT

PURPOSE

The FFA Extemporaneous Public Speaking Career Development Event is designed to develop the ability of all FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing FFA members to formulate their remarks for presentation in a very limited amount of time.

ELIGIBILITY

1. **For specific Eligibility Rules and Regulations, refer to Contests and Awards Booklet.**

2. **A student can participate in both the prepared and extemporaneous public speaking events, if scheduling permits.**

3. **A participant shall be in official FFA dress.**

4. **To be eligible for the area and/or district contests, participants must have won a county contest in either the prepared or extemporaneous public speaking contest.**

STATE AWARDS/SPONSOR(S):

Refer to Alabama FFA Contests and Awards Booklet at:
http://www.alabamaffa.org/forms_applications.htm

SUBJECT CATEGORIES AND TOPICS

1. **Topics shall be prepared prior to the speaking events from the following categories:**

    A. **Agriscience and Technology**
    B. **Agrimarketing and International Agricultural Relations**
    C. **Food and Fiber Systems**
    D. **Urban Agriculture**

2. **Participants will draw for the order of presenting.**

3. **Participants will be admitted individually to a preparation room at 15-minute intervals and given exactly 30 minutes for topic selection and preparation. The participants will draw three specific topics selected at random from one pool of twelve (12) relating to the industry of agriculture. After selecting the topic they desire to speak on, all three topics will be returned for the next drawing.**

4. Reference material will be screened by the officials in charge of the event on the following basis:

- **A. Shall be limited to five items.**
- **B. Must be printed material such as books or magazines and/or a compilation of collected materials. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain no more that 100 pages, single side (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the participant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this event.)**

5. Each speech shall be the result of the participant's own effort using approved reference material, which the participant may bring to the preparation room. No other assistance may be provided.

6. Participants must use the uniform note cards provided. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30-minute preparation period.

7. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.

TIME LIMIT

Each speech shall be not less than four nor more than six minutes in length with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges. Participants will be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being over six minutes or under four minutes. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time. No time warnings will be given by event officials.

EVENT PROCEDURES

1. The event chairman shall introduce each participant by name. A participant will be permitted to use notes while speaking, but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation.

2. A timekeeper(s) will record the time by each participant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime or overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.

3. Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the event. At lease one judge should have an agricultural background.

4. At the time of the event, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the event is held. They will score each participant on the delivery of the production, using the score sheet provided.

5. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain directly to the speaker's subject. Questions containing two or more parts should be avoided. Judges will score each participant on the ability to answer all questions asked by all judges. The full five minutes should be used.

6. Speakers will not hear each other's speech. Speakers will be in a place separate from the room where the event is being held.

LEVELS OF COMPETITION

Chapter Event

1. Event should be held by February 1.

2. Methods of eliminations in chapters to be determined by local advisors.

3. County Chairman should be notified by local advisor of chapter winner.

County Event

1. Event should be held in February.

2. County Chairman will arrange for a local advisor to host the contest, to determine date and location, select judges, and make other arrangements for holding the event.

3. If only one chapter has an entry, this participant is automatically the county winner.

4. County Chairman should notify the District specialist of the county winner by March 15.

Area Event

1. The number of county winners will determine if area contest should be held.

2. Date, time, and location will be arranged by the District Specialist.

3. Local advisor at the designated place will be in charge of the event.

4. Results of the contest should be given to District Specialist by advisor in charge of area event immediately following the event.

5. Area winner's will compete in district event.

District Event

1. Event will be held at District Eliminations.

2. In order for participants to be able to compete in both the prepared and extemporaneous public speaking events, one contest will be held in the morning and one in the afternoon.

3. The District winner will be eligible to represent Alabama in the Regional Event during the National FFA Convention, provided that no other District or State Extemporaneous Speaking Contest is held.

SELECTING WINNER

Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judges' ranking of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant whose total of rankings is the lowest. Other placings shall be determined in the same manner (low point score method of selection).

TIEBREAKERS

Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's low rankings will be counted and the participant with the greatest number of low rankings will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the participant with the highest score (highest number of points) on the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the participant's raw scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

DISTRICT AWARDS

The top four participants will be awarded plaques and cash awards as follows:

1st Place	Banner
2nd Place	Banner
3rd Place	Banner
4th Place	Banner

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Items To Be Scored	Max. Points	Speakers 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Content Related to Topic • Appropriateness of the total speech content to the topic selected • Extent to which the speaker addressed the topic selected • Suitability of the material used • Accuracy of the statements • Relationship to the content of agriculture	300								
Organization of Materials • Organization of contents • Unity of thought • Logical development • Language used • Sentence structure • Accomplishment of purpose- conclusion • Material related to sub-topic	100								
Power of Expression • Communicative ability including: fluency, emphasis, directness and sincerity • Conveyance of thought and meaning	100								
Voice • Quality, pitch • Articulation • Pronunciation • Force	100								
Stage Presence • Personal appearance • Poise and body posture • Attitude, confidence and personality • Ease before an audience	100								
General Effect • Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention • Evidence of purpose	100								
Response to Questions* • Ability to answer the questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly.	200								
Gross Total Points	1000								
Less Time Deduction**									
Net Total Points									
Participant Ranking									

* - Judges should meet prior to the event to prepare and clarify the types of questions to be asked.
** - 1 point per second over, determined by the timekeepers.

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SUMMARY SHEET

When all speakers have finished, the judges will retire and make their placings (1, 2, 3, etc.) without any discussion. The judges' rankings of each speaker then shall be added, and the winner will be the speaker whose total ranking (score) is the lowest. This is the low point score method of selection.

The person in charge will assist by recording the final placings of each judge on the Summary Sheet to determine the winners. In case of a tie, ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Speakers low rankings will be counted and the speaker with the greatest number of low rankings will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the speaker with the highest score (highest number of points) on the Response to Questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the speakers raw scores will be totaled. The speaker with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

The Summary Sheet should be checked and double-checked before the winners are announced. The decision announced is final! The individual score sheets should be destroyed immediately by the judges; no one else will be allowed to see the score sheets.

Judges	Speakers Names and Placing of Speakers by Judges (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc.)							
	Speaker 1	Speaker 2	Speaker 3	Speaker 4	Speaker 5	Speaker 6	Speaker 7	Speaker 8
Judge 1								
Judge 2								
Judge 3								
TOTAL SCORE/SPEAKER [Judge 1+2+3] (Add up the judges' placings for each speaker)								
FINAL PLACING [1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, ETC.] [Lowest TOTAL SCORE/SPEAKER is 1st Place, etc.]								

***TOTAL SCORE:** **The Total Score is the sum of the placing given to a speaker by each of the three judges. The low score wins.**

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