

OATS #2 (2023-24)

Impromptu Speaking

Students will submit two videos: one for preliminary round judging and one for final round judging. Impromptu prompts will be quotations from marginalized groups.

We trust all students and coaches to adhere to Limited Prep guidelines and ethical competition choices for preparation. Please include prep time in Impromptu videos (this can make starting the video camera easier for students, and assessing time allocation possible for judging). All Impromptu judges will be reminded to allow an initial 15 seconds for competitors to read the quotations, before beginning time.

Preliminary Rounds

I lived all my life as collateral damage.

Majed Abusalama
Palestinian activist and writer

You're always amazed by how brutal people could be.

Nadav Tamir
Executive Director of J Street Israel

Final Round

Just as time isn't inside clocks, love isn't inside bodies: bodies only tell the love.

Yehuda Amichai
Israeli poet

You can be an exile in your homeland, in your own house, in a room.

Mahmoud Darwish
Palestinian poet and writer