Judging an Impromptu Round

Quick Guidelines

1. Each competitor will draw 3 slips of paper from the envelope that you have been provided –The competitor should select ONE of the three topics to speak on in the round. The speaker should return the 2 topics they did not select to the envelope for future speakers to draw.

2. Allow the competitor to leave the room to prepare their speech – the competitor should be allowed 5 minutes in the hallway for preparation. Please start the time for preparation as soon as the competitor has exited the room – let the speaker know when the 5 minute preparation time has elapsed. This preparation time should be timed on your stopwatch or time keeping device.

3. After a speaker has prepared their speech and is getting ready to speak, the next competitor should draw their topic sheet and go to the hallway to prepare their speech.

4. Each speaker should be allowed only 5 min. to prepare, in the hallway.

5. Speeches should be 3-5 min. with a 30 second grace period for over and under the limits. Please do not dock a rank if the speaker is within 2:30 or 5:30.

5. Speakers may use a note card as described on the ballot.

6. Please only disqualify speakers if they do not remotely address the topic they have chosen

7. As with Extemporaneous speaking, the judge should provide time signals to the competitor.

8. This event is intended to be humorous impromptu – please evaluate students using the criteria on the ballot – take structure and use of humor both into consideration when ranking students.

Thank you and have fun!!