

IMPROMPTU BALLOT

Round _____ Contestant Name/Code _____ Room _____

General guidelines for judges-

- Impromptu is an informative/clever speech that is created and chosen from a selection of topics by the contestant.
- Contestant draws three topics from the envelope, and chooses one. After choosing the topic, they have the option to use prep time.
- They have a total of 7 minutes of time – no more than two of this allotment can be used for prep time. Penalty for overtime determined by judge’s discretion.

The following areas for comments are offered to assist the judge in making a well-informed and complete decision.

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR JUDGES TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR THE COMPETITOR TO ASSIST IN THEIR CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.

Title : _____ Time: _____

CRITERIA	COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Content</i> <p>Does the speaker show insight in regards to the topic? Does the speaker adhere closely to the topic? Is there a balance between fact and opinion in the speech?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Organization</i> <p>Is there an organized, logical expression of ideas? Are transitions smooth and easy to follow?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Analysis / Creativity</i> <p>Does the speaker use creativity when answering the topic chosen? How well do they analyze the topic?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivery</i> <p>Do fluency, enunciation and vocal quality enhance communication? Are movements and gestures natural and unobtrusive? Does vocal tone convey the meaning of the speaker?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide additional comments here. You may also use the back of this ballot. 	

Rank: _____ **place.** Give one 1st, one 2nd, one 3rd, and all remaining speakers 4th

Rate: Please assign a Rating, 30-50 points, 50 being the highest score possible. Ratings may tie. _____

Judge _____ Affiliation _____