

## PREPARED SPEAKING

Effective August 1, 2004

### Purpose

The purpose of the prepared public speaking CDE is to develop agricultural leadership by providing an opportunity for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities.

### Eligibility

1. Contestants must be a regularly enrolled student in agricultural education. Contestants must be a member in good standing of their FFA chapter. Competition in each district CDE will be limited to one representative per school.

2. A chapter and the participant must have its state and national dues paid before the contestant will be allowed to participate.

**PLEASE NOTE: All speeches must be in the coordinators hands 14 days prior to the state speaking event. Manuscripts received by this date will be acknowledged, so that each contestant may know that their entry in the state CDE is assured. If this requirement is not met, the student may still participate at the state level, but will forfeit composition and content score.**

### Subject Development

1. Contestants may choose any current subject for their speeches which is of an agricultural nature. Topics may include agriscience and technology, agribusiness, agrimarketing, international agricultural relations, and agricultural communications. A contestant will be disqualified if they speak on a nonagricultural subject.

2. Each contestant's speech is to be the result of their own efforts. Training in both composition and delivery are limited to the facilities of the school in which the contestant is enrolled. Facts and working data may be secured from any source.

### CDE Rules

1. Each speech shall not be less than

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six minutes nor than more than eight minutes. Five minutes will be allowed for related questions asked by the judges. Judges should deduct 1 point for each second over eight minutes and under six minutes that the speech takes. Time commences when the speaker begins talking. Speakers may use a watch to keep a record of their time.

2. Please refer to the Prepared Speaking Scoring Rubric for Scoring factors

3. The scoring rubric is presented as a useful tool to aid judges in arriving at just decisions. It is recognized that not everything can be reduced to a numerical score and that differences cannot always be settled equitably on the basis of arithmetic alone, because different persons vary greatly in recording their judgements through numerical ratings. For example, it would seem unwise to rate highest a contestant with obvious deficiencies in delivery, even though a nearly perfect score on their manuscript might have given them the highest total on the combined score for content composition, and delivery..

### Awards

District: Plaques to the top four district winners. Check for \$25 to the 1st place winner.

State: Plaques to the top four state winners. Check for \$100 to the 1st place winner.

The 1st place Prepared Speaker in the state will proceed on to the National Competition at the National Convention.

The 2nd place Prepared Speaker in the state will proceed on to the Big E in West Springfield Mass.

### Fees

Anyone participating at the district level must pay to Ohio CDE the normal registration fee, state ratings are given at this level.

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