

## **Extemporaneous Speaking**

A Special Project of the South Dakota FFA Foundation

### **Important Note**

Please thoroughly read the General Rules at the beginning of this handbook for complete rules and procedures that are relevant to all South Dakota FFA Leadership and Career Development Events.

### **Purpose**

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

### **Event Rules**

- The Extemporaneous Speaking Career Development Event is open to persons who are regularly enrolled in agricultural education during the current year and are active FFA members in good standing with the State FFA Association.
- Participants shall be in Official Dress for the Career Development Event.
- A participant may continue competing in the state until he/she wins the CDE.
- Each speech shall be the result of the participant's own effort using any reference material which the participant may bring to the preparation room. Resources acceptable for use may be contained in a 3-ring binder. No electronic devices are allowed.
- Three competent and impartial persons will be selected to judge the CDE. At least one judge should have an agricultural background.
- It is highly recommended that participants wear FFA Official Dress for this event.

### **Event Format**

Twelve topics shall be prepared by the state office and will include three each from the following categories:

- Agri-science and technology
- Agri-marketing and international agricultural relations
- Food and fiber systems
- Urban agriculture.

These topics will be sent to the district CDE site one week prior to the CDE to be opened only by the judges on the CDE date.

In order of appearance, participants will be admitted to the preparation room where they will draw three specific topics, select one topic, and replace all three for the next drawing. A new participant will be admitted to the preparation room every ten minutes.

After selecting a topic, the participant shall have 30 minutes to prepare and formulate their remarks. Uniform note cards will be provided each participant. Any notes for speaking must be made during the 30-minute preparation time period.

Each speech shall not be less than four or more than six minutes in length with five minutes additional time allowed for related questions, which shall be asked by the judges.

Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being over six or under four minutes.

The chairperson or a designated judge at the district level shall introduce each participant by name and in the order of appearance.

One timekeeper shall be designated who will record the time used by each participant in delivering his/her speech, noting under-time or overtime, if any, for which deductions shall be made.

At the time of the CDE, the judges will be seated in different sections of the room in which the CDE is being held. They will score each participant upon the delivery of the speech, using the score sheet provided.

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.

The timer will announce via a flash card when four minutes, five minutes, and six minutes of speaking have elapsed for each speaker.

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 the questions asked by each of the judges. The full five minutes for questions should be used.

### Scoring

When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total his/her score for each participant.

The timekeeper's record will be used to compute the final score for each participant. A deduction of one point per second under 4 minutes or over 6 minutes will be assessed.

### Ranking

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

### Tiebreakers

In case of a tie, that individual who has the highest grand total score shall have prior rating. In case of a second tie, that individual who has the total overall questions score shall have the prior rating.

	<b>Possible Points</b>
Delivery	800
Response to Questions	200
<b>Total Points</b>	1000

**Extemporaneous Speaking Judge's Score Sheet**

<b>Scored Items</b>	<b>Points Allowed</b>	<b>Points Earned</b>	<b>Judge's Comments</b>
<u>Knowledge of Subject Matter</u> - <i>Importance &amp; appropriateness of subject</i> - <i>Suitability of material used</i> - <i>Accuracy of statements included</i> - <i>Evidence of purpose</i>	200		
<u>Organization of Materials</u> - <i>Organization of content</i> - <i>Unity of thought</i> - <i>Logical development</i> - <i>Language used</i> - <i>Sentence structure</i> - <i>Accomplishment of purpose</i> - <i>Conclusions</i>	100		
<u>Power of Expression</u> - <i>Fluency</i> - <i>Emphasis</i> - <i>Directness</i> - <i>Sincerity</i> - <i>Communicative ability</i> - <i>Conveyance of thought &amp; meaning</i>	200		
<u>Voice</u> - <i>Quality</i> - <i>Pitch</i> - <i>Articulation</i> - <i>Pronunciation</i> - <i>Force</i>	100		
<u>Stage Presence</u> - <i>Personal appearance</i> - <i>Poise &amp; body posture</i> - <i>Attitude</i> - <i>Confidence</i> - <i>Personality</i> - <i>Ease before an audience</i>	100		
<u>General Effect</u> - <i>Extent to which the speech was:</i> - <i>Interesting</i> - <i>Understandable</i> - <i>Convincing</i> - <i>Pleasing</i> - <i>Held audience's attention</i>	100		
<u>Response to Questions</u> - <i>Ability to answer questions, indicating:</i> - <i>Originality</i> - <i>Familiarity with the subject</i>	200		
<b>Total</b>	1000		*** Time deduction is one point per second under/over time.
<b>Minus Time</b>			
<b>Grand Total</b>			
<b>Final Ranking</b>			