



## Impromptu Public Speaking

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- Description: Contestant will speak on a topic randomly chosen from a pool of questions.
- Entries: Individual only
- State Awards: First place individual will receive a State 4-H Contests Jacket. They will also earn the right to represent Utah at the Western National Contest in Denver.
- National Awards: Determined at the national level.

### Contest Guidelines:

- Contestant will select a topic for their speech by randomly drawing three questions from a pool of questions. They will select one question and return the other two. A maximum of one minute will be allowed for this process. Questions will be relative to today's youth and may include current events, 4-H, and/or social issues. Examples of the type of questions include:
  - If I were an author, I would write about...
  - One issue facing teenagers today is...
  - If I could describe my personality as a tree, which tree would I be...
  - What has being involved in 4-H taught me?
- Questions will be at the discretion of the contest coordinator. Only the contest coordinator will know the questions prior to the contest. No two contestants will speak on the same topic.
- Contestants may not use any costumes, posters, visual aids, or props for their presentations.
- Contestants are not allowed to present any items to the judges.
- Contestants will be allowed 3 minutes to organize their thoughts before beginning their presentation. Time will begin when they select their question.
- Each speech will be timed and must be between 3-5 minutes in duration. Two points will be deducted for each 30 seconds over or under the time limit.
- Contestants will be allowed to organize their thoughts on a 5x7 blank note card (supplied). However, excessive use of notes may be counted against the contestant.
- A podium must be used by participants.



# Impromptu Public Speaking Scorecard

**Blue Ribbon?**  
 (Circle One)  
**Yes**  
**No**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Talk: \_\_\_\_\_

ITEMS TO BE SCORED	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT	POINTS EARNED	COMMENTS
<b>General Appearance:</b> (5 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Posture</li> <li>• Appropriate Dress</li> <li>• Visible Distractions</li> </ul>					
<b>Introduction:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attention getting</li> <li>• Opening introduces purpose and subject</li> </ul>					
<b>Body:</b> (25 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main points easy to follow</li> <li>• Main points arranged in best order</li> <li>• Sentences short, easy to understand</li> <li>• Speech interesting</li> <li>• Appropriate supporting information</li> </ul>					
<b>Projection to Audience:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eye contact</li> <li>• Facial expressions</li> <li>• Gestures</li> </ul>					
<b>Voice Control:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pitch</li> <li>• Temp</li> <li>• Inflection</li> <li>• Emphasis</li> <li>• Volume</li> </ul>					
<b>Articulation:</b> (15 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pronunciation and Enunciation</li> </ul>					
<b>Language Effectiveness:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriate Words</li> <li>• Skill in using meaningful quotes</li> </ul>					
<b>Summary:</b> (10 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stress important points</li> <li>• Has definite closing</li> </ul>					
<b>Overall Quality:</b> (5 Points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Originality</li> <li>• Skill in use of notes</li> <li>• Topic coverage</li> </ul>					
<b>Total Score:</b> (100 Points)					

Time: Start \_\_\_\_\_ Finish \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ minutes \_\_\_\_\_ Total Score - \_\_\_\_\_ (2 points/30 seconds over or under 3-5 minutes)

**Final Score** \_\_\_\_\_