



CONTEST SCOPE

Contest Chair

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| Contest: | Extemporaneous Speaking |
| Purpose: | To evaluate each contestant's ability to give a speech on an assigned topic with a minimum of advance preparation. |
| Clothing: | Contest appropriate clothing. Students will not be penalized for clothing unless it is a safety violation. |

Equipment and Material:

Equipment/Tools/Materials Provided by Host School:

Reference materials: SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook, Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations and Roger's Thesaurus

Blank 3"x 5" cards

Copies of selected speech topic in sealed envelopes

Stopwatches as required

Time cards

Equipment/Tools/Materials Provided by the Contestant:

Pencil or pen

Scope of Contest

Contestants will draw numbers during the pre-contest orientation meeting to determine the order of competition.

The committee will select a speech topic based upon material in the SkillsUSA Leadership Handbook. All contestants will be given the same topic.

Contestants will enter the preparation room, where they will be given a speech topic. Contestants will have five minutes to determine the content and organize their speeches.

During preparation time, contestants may consult reference sources supplied in the preparation room and may take notes on 3"x 5" cards for use during the speech. Contestants may not take any outlines, notes or reference materials into the preparation room.

The speech shall be at least three minutes in length but shall not exceed five minutes. Penalty: Five points will be deducted for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof under three minutes, or for each 30 seconds or fraction thereof over five minutes.

Time limit: Time will be started when the speech begins. The timekeeper will signal the speaker at three minutes, four minutes and five minutes. Contestants will be permitted to use a watch or clock.

Contestants will not mention their name, school, city or state at any time in the presentation room. A five-point deduction will be assessed for each occurrence.

