

BH DEBATE AND SPEECH CLUB

Impromptu Speeches

Time Limit 2 min. prep time; speaking time 3 to 6 min. (total time 8 min)

Time begins when student receives prompt choices in envelope from judge.

Speaker must meet minimum time to qualify. Points will be lost for any time overage.

Allowed Preparation: Only a blank sheet of paper and pen may be used to prepare and give speech.

General Rules

The speech must be an original work, prepared on the spot with only the help of pen and blank paper during the preparation time.

No outside sources may be brought into the room. Students may not bring computers or other electronic devices into the Impromptu event.

The student will pick three topics from the envelope, choose one, and return the other two.

The speech must be developed from the chosen topic

The student must adhere to the chosen topic and state it early in the speech; however, the speaker may interpret and approach the topic in any way he or she chooses. The prompt topic must be the central theme of the speech, and not peripheral to it.

No props, costumes or audiovisuals may be used.

No gratuitous vulgarity or sensitive content will be allowed.

No speaker is permitted to listen to other impromptu speakers before speaking himself.

Students may express opinions, which are contrary to those of the judge. Each speech should be evaluated on the quality of the analysis and presentation, not the opinions presented.