



Prepared Public Speaking

I. Purpose

TJCAA Prepared Public Speaking Event is designed to develop agricultural leadership by providing for member participation in agricultural public speaking activities and stimulating interest in leadership and citizenship.

II. Subject

Participants may choose any current subject for their speeches, which is of agricultural nature. This may include agriscience and technology, agribusiness, agrimarketing, international agricultural relations, and agricultural communications. Official judges of any TJCAA Prepared Public Speaking Career Development Event shall disqualify a participant if he or she speaks on a non-agricultural subject.

III. Time Limit

Each speech shall be a minimum of six minutes in length and a maximum of eight minutes. Each participant will be allowed five minutes additional time in which he or she will be asked questions relating to his or her speech. Participants are to be penalized one point per second on each judge's score sheet for being under six minutes or over eight minutes. No time warnings will be given.

IV. Judging

1. Event official will randomly determine the speaking order. The program chairman shall introduce each participant by name in order of the drawing. 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. No props are to be used. Applause shall be withheld until all participants have spoken.

2. A timekeeper(s) shall be designated who will record time used by each participant in delivering his or her speech, noting undertime or overtime, if any, for which deductions will be made.

3. Judges will score each participant on the delivery of the production, using the score sheet provided. They will also complete a judge's comment card, which will be presented to the participants at the awards function.

4. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions. Questions shall pertain 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 questions asked by all judges. The full five minutes for questions should be used.

5. When all participants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score on composition and delivery for each participant. The timekeeper(s) record will be used in computing the final score for each participant. The judges' score sheets will then be submitted to event officials to determine final rankings of participants.

6. Participants shall be ranked in numerical order on the basis of the final score to be determined by each judge without consultation. The judge's rankings of each participant then shall be added, and the winner will be that participant whose total ranking is the lowest. Other placing will be determined in the same manner (low rank method of selection).

V. Scoring Delivery of Production

1. Voice: (100 points possible)

Quality
Pitch
Pronunciation
Articulation
Force

2. Stage Presence: (100 points possible)

Personal Appearance
Poise and Body Posture
Attitude
Confidence
Personality
Ease before Audience

3. Power of Expression: (100 points possible)

Fluency
Emphasis
Directness
Sincerity
Communicative Ability
Conveyance of Thought and Meaning

4. Response to Questions: (300 points possible)

Ability to answer satisfactory questions asked by the judges on the speech, indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly.

5. General Effect: (100 points possible)

Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention.

VI. Tiebreakers

Ties will be broken based on the greatest number of low ranks. Participant's low rankings will be counted and the participant with greatest number of low rankings will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the even superintendent will rank the participant's response to questions. The participant with the lowest ranking from the response to questions will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, then the participant's raw scores will be totaled. The participant with the greatest total of raw points will be declared the winner.

VII. Awards

Awards will be presented at an Awards Ceremony. Plaques and medals will be awarded to first- and second-place participants.

VIII. Eligibility

Junior colleges may enter as many students in the competition as they wish; however, only two awards will be presented to the winners. Therefore, advisors should designate their eligible contestants at time of registration. (i.e.: if three contestants are competing from the same school, two must be identified as being eligible for awards at time of contest registration.)

	Max Points	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven
Voice:	100							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality, pitch • Articulation • Pronunciation • Force 								
Stage Presentation:	100							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Appearance • Poise and body posture • Attitude, confidence, and personality • Ease before an audience 								
Power of Expression:	100							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicative ability including: fluency, emphasis, directiveness, sincerity • Conveyance of thought and meaning 								
Response to questions:	300							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to answer questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with the subject and the ability to think quickly 								
General Effect:	100							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing, and held attention 								
Gross Total Points:	700							
Less Time Deductions:								
Net Total Points:								
Contestant Ranking:								