

Junior Impromptu Presentation Rules

Impromptu is speaking without prior preparation, completely “on the spot,” from a variety of topics.

RULES:

1. Judges will lay out all topics on the table face down. Competitors pick three of the topics and must choose one of the selected topics on which to base their speech. After the speech, the competitor will return the two unused topics to the table and take or toss their selected topic strip, so that it is not chosen again by another competitor.
2. Preparation time is two (2) minutes in length and begins when competitors take the topic strips from the table.
3. Competitors may write notes during prep time, but competitors cannot use the notes during their speaking time.
4. No visual aids or props may be used, other than the topic strip.
5. Competitors must state their name and topic somewhere near the beginning of their speech.
6. Each speech should adhere to the chosen topic, while demonstrating originality and creativity.
7. Impromptu competitors may not watch any other competitor that speaks before them. However, once they’ve competed their impromptu speech, they may watch other impromptu competitors.
8. Each speech is provided a maximum of three (3) minutes of speaking. However, no competitor will be penalized for going over speaking time, and there is no minimum

speaking time.