



Public Speaking - Impromptu Speech — Score Sheet

Contestant: _____ County: _____

Topic: _____

Judging criteria / maximum points	Score	Comments
A. ORGANIZATION — 1. Introduction Attention-getting; indicates direction and purpose of speech Maximum: 9 points		
2. Body Main points clearly stated; important points easy to follow Maximum: 12 points		
3. Conclusion Stressed important points; definite closing Maximum: 9 points		
4. Overall Quality Did not repeat content to fill time; originality; topic coverage Maximum: 10 points		
5. Related topic to 4-H and/or today's youth Maximum: 10 points		
B. DELIVERY — 1. Body Actions Poise, eye contact, gestures, speaker's attitude Maximum: 15 points		
2. Voice Pitch, quality, force, rate, articulation, pronunciation Maximum: 15 points		
3. Language Effectiveness Appropriate words; skillful use of meaningful quotes/facts/research Maximum: 10 points		
C. GENERAL — 1. Personal appearance Maximum: 10 points		
TOTAL POINTS	100	
Time of Speech: _____		Deduction for Time
		Final Score

Time limit is 3-5 minutes. Participants will be given a 30-second reminder before the minimum time is met and a 30-second warning before the end of the time period. Penalty of 2 points for any fraction of 30 seconds over and under time.