

De La Salle World Affairs Debate and Public Speaking Competition

Friday, December 7, 2012

Extemporaneous Speaking Rules

Time: 3 to 5 minutes

- Each participant will draw three topics **and will have 2 minutes** to choose one, **and 30 minutes to prepare before** speaking.
- Topics for the first round **will draw** upon **major international and national stories** covered in newspapers, news magazines and on-line news sources during the one month prior to the tournament beginning on November 1, 2012. The second round will deal with **prominent popular culture and sports stories in the news during one month prior to the competition.**
- Topics will be framed in question form.
- Tournament organizers will provide an isolated facility for the competitors to use as a “preparation room” **also** known as a “lock-up room.”
- Competitors may not consult any research material nor will the host school provide any research material.
- **All personal belongs will be stored at the front or the back of the room.**
- Speeches must be based on competitors’ own knowledge of the subject.
- During the speech, a competitor may refer only to notes prepared during the preparation period.
- These notes must be on a 3 x 5 index card.
- The host school will provide the cards.
- The speaker will have to speak for 3 to 5 minutes.
- There will be a time penalty of 2 points for speeches which are up to 30 seconds under 3 minutes or up to 30 seconds over 5 minutes.
- There will be a time penalty of 10 points for speeches under 2 minutes and 30 seconds or over 5 minutes.
- **Rogue scores will include any scores awarded by judges that are 15% higher or lower than the next closest score in the room. These scores will not be included in final tabulations for the tournament.**