

# INFORMATIVE PREPARED SPEECH

## An Informative Prepared Speech

This format requires that the presenter write and deliver their own speech. The presenter will inform or educate the audience on a single issue or topic. The topic is only limited by age appropriateness of the topic for the member. Advocacy of political or religious views is not appropriate. The purpose of this category is to encourage participants to give a speech in which they seek out accurate information, organize it into a useful form, and competently present the information.

A speech has a clear and understandable theme or thesis. Citing sources can increase the credibility of the speech if it does not interfere with the delivery of the prepared speech. The presenter is expected to discuss the chosen topic intelligently, with a degree of originality, in an interesting manner, and with some benefit to the audience.

A prepared speech should have a clearly defined introduction, body, and summation. The body contains the development of the main ideas of the prepared speech. The summation should not introduce new material but should be used to reinforce the ideas developed in the body and cement the theme and main ideas in the minds of the audience.

## Posters and Slides:

None Allowed

**Visual Aids:** No visual aids will be used by the presenter to assist with the delivery of the prepared speech. No props are allowed.

**Length:** A speech generally lasts from two to five minutes and may extend up to 10 minutes based on age or experience. Exceeding 10 minutes in length does not result in disqualification but will be considered when evaluating the presentation.

**Number of Presenters:** Prepared speeches may only be given as an individual activity.

**Questions:** Only evaluators may ask questions. Time for questions may be limited.

**Notes Cards:** Notes on a 5"X7" card (single side) may be used by the presenter to assist with the delivery of the speech. The note card should be inconspicuous and not detract from the speech

**Attire:** Wear attire that is neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance. Attire does not display profanity, products or slogans that promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or sex. Costumes may be worn.

