



## JUNIOR APOLOGETICS RULES

An **Apologetics speech** is an original, spontaneously prepared speech that defends a tenet of the Christian faith.

### **Apologetics Preparation Rules**

1. All questions/topics must come from the Junior Apologetics questions posted on the individual tournament website.
2. Competitors should prepare for Apologetics by studying the Bible, researching, discussing the questions with their parents, and organizing their materials.
3. Each competitor may create a file of note cards (no larger than 4" X 6") with Scripture, definitions, quotations, and other helpful materials.
4. Competitors may not share card files with other competitors during the tournament.

### **Apologetics Administration Rules**

1. Apologetic judges should agree with the Stoa statement of faith.
2. All Apologetics questions will be available on the tournament website upon registration.
3. One judge will be given instructions and the topics to be distributed.
4. In the room, the competitor will draw three (3) single prompts provided by the tournament, select one (1), and return the other two (2) prompts before leaving the room. The selected prompt should not be returned.
5. Preparation time (thinking time) begins as soon as the competitor draws the first prompt. Preparation time is two (2) minutes.
6. During preparation time, the timepiece must face the competitor and count down.
7. During preparation time, the competitor may use their Bible, their own card files, and blank cards for notes.
8. During the speech, the competitor may only use notecards, leaving the other materials on the preparation table.
9. During the presentation, the timepiece must face the competitor and count up.
10. The speaker must state the topic early in the speech.
11. The speaker must give a speech that is the original work of the competitor. The competitor may use scripture, quotations, and personal stories to support their speech.
12. No visual aids may be used during the round.
13. Competitors must not listen to other Apologetics competitors speaking before them in the round. They may stay after they have given their speech to listen to subsequent speakers.
14. Maximum speaking time is five (5) minutes with no penalty for going over the time limit. There is no minimum time requirement.

**Preparation Time: Two (2) Minutes      Speaking Time: Five (5) Minutes**

**No Minimum Speaking Time**