



## JUNIOR IMPROMPTU RULES

An **Impromptu speech** is an original, spontaneously prepared speech.

1. Prompts should be of the same type for all speakers in the round (e.g., all quotes, pictures, famous book quotes, etc.).
2. The speaker may not bring any prepared material into the room.
3. The lead judge in each room will distribute the prompts.
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. The lead judge in each room may assist competitors with prompts as needed.
6. Preparation time (thinking time) begins as soon as the competitor draws the first prompt. Preparation time is two (2) minutes.
7. During preparation time, the timepiece must face the competitor and count down.
8. During preparation time, the speaker may write notes on a blank sheet of paper but may not use or refer to the notes during the speech.
9. During the presentation, the timepiece must face the competitor and count up.
10. The speaker must state his topic early in the speech.
11. No visual aids may be used during the round except those provided by the tournament as part of the selected topic.
12. Each speech should adhere to the chosen topic while demonstrating originality and creativity.
13. Competitors must not listen to other Impromptu 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 three (3) minutes with no penalty for going over the time limit. There is no minimum time requirement.

**Preparation Time: Two (2) Minutes      Speaking Time: Three (3) Minutes**

**No Minimum Speaking Time**