

Impromptu Speaking

The ability to express one's thoughts without prior preparation is a valuable asset, as are poises, self-confidence, and organization of facts. This event recognized FBLA members who develop qualities of business leadership by combining quick and clear thinking with conversational speaking.

Competencies

Participants will be given a topic related to the FBLA-PBL goals, activities, and/or current programs. In addition, topics for this event can be drawn from current events and relevant business topics.

Business Education Curriculum Standards:

Communication

Eligibility

Each chapter may enter participants who are members on record in the FBLA-PBL Online Membership System as having paid dues by the officially published deadline for the current school year.

No member may have participated in this event at a previous NLC.

Procedure

General Information

- ▽ One (1) index card will be given to each participant and may be used during the preparation and performance.
- ▽ Information may be written on both sides of the note card.
- ▽ Participant must furnish their own pens and pencils.
- ▽ The speech should be four (4) minute in length.
- ▽ No reference materials may be brought to or used during the preparation or presentation.

Preliminary Round

Participants will be divided into preliminary groups, depending on the number of entries.

The order of the performances will be drawn at random by an impartial person in the event office and posted on the first day of the State Business Leadership Conference.

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Participants must report to the event administrator at least 15 minutes prior to their scheduled performance to pick up their impromptu topic. Participants will be allowed ten (10) minutes to prepare their speeches prior to appearing before the judges. All participants will address the same topic in their speeches.

Any notes made during the preparation time may be used when speaking. The note card must be submitted to the event administrator at the conclusion of the speech. Information may be written on both sides of the note card.

At the time of the performance, the event administrator will introduce each participant by name only. Each speech should be four (4) minutes in length. A timekeeper will stand at three (3) minutes. When the speaker is finished, the time used will be recorded, noting a deduction for any time under 3:30 or over 4:29 minutes.

All performances are open to conference attendees, except performing participants of this event.

A maximum of fifteen (15) finalists—an equal number of participants from each preliminary group—will be scheduled for the final round.

In the event that fewer than twenty (20) entries are submitted for this event, Nevada FBLA reserves the right to forgo the preliminary round of competition.

Final Round

The order of the performance will be drawn at random by an impartial person in the event office and posted.

A different topic will be presented for the Finals Round.

All other procedures as outlined in the preliminary round will be used for the final round.

NOTE:

1. No adviser or other assistance may be given to the competitor during preparation.



Impromptu Speaking Performance Rating Sheet

Preliminary Round

Final Round

Evaluation Item	Not Demonstrated	Does Not Meet Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Points Earned
Content					
Relation to FBLA-PBL goals, activities, and/or current programs	0	1 – 5	6 – 10	11 – 15	
Purpose clearly stated	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Suitability and accuracy of statement	0	1 – 2	3 – 4	5	
Organization					
Topic adequately developed	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Logical sequence of ideas	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Accomplishment of purpose	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Delivery					
Voice quality, diction	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Appropriate gestures, eye contact	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Confidence	0	1 – 2	3 – 4	5	
Professional Appearance	0	1 – 2	3 – 4	5	
Extent to which speech was sincere, interesting, clear, creative, convincing, and concise	0	1 – 3	4 – 7	8 – 10	
Total Points					/100 max.
Time Penalty	Deduct five (5) points for presentations under 3:31 or over 4:29				
Dress Code Penalty	Deduct five (5) points when dress code is not followed.				
Final Score					/100 max.

Names: _____

School: _____

Judge's Name: _____

Judge's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Judge's Comments: