

# **Prepared Public Speaking**

*CAREER DEVELOPMENT EVENT*

## **I. PURPOSE:**

FFA members present a speech written on an agricultural topic to a panel of judges, who then ask the contestant a series of questions about the topic of their speech.

## **II. OVERVIEW:**

Students will be able to:

1. Speak comfortably and effectively in front of people
2. Develop quick thinking skills by answering impromptu questions
3. Convey facts and opinions about the agriculture industry

## **III. GUIDELINES:**

1. Four Copies of the member's official speech must reach the District President by March 1.
  - a. State entries must submit four copies of their speech to the Indiana FFA Executive Director by May 1.
  - b. Copies of speeches must be double spaced on 8.5" X 11" paper.
2. Contestants should choose their own subjects. Any current subject related to agriculture and is of national interest will be acceptable. FFA will be considered an agriculture topic. Judges will disqualify any participant who speaks on a non-agriculture subject.
3. The information from each speech can be secured from any source. Students must include a bibliography with their speech. The speech must be original and must be the result of the students own efforts.
4. Speeches must be at least six minutes in length and not over eight minutes. Each contestant will then be allowed five additional minutes in response to questions which will be asked by the judges. Deductions of 20 points per minute or major fraction thereof will be made for speeches fewer than six minutes and over eight minutes.
5. Event official will randomly determine the speaking order. Contestants will be permitted to use notes while speaking but deductions in scoring may be made for this practice if it detracts from the effectiveness of the presentation. NO props are to be used.

**Indiana FFA**  
**Public Speaking and Freshman Public Speaking Scorecard**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

<i>Items to Be Scored</i>	<i>Maximum Points</i>	<i>Score</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Content of Manuscript	200		
Composition of Manuscript	100		
Voice	100		
Stage Presence	100		
Power of Expression	200		
Response to Questions	200		
General Effect	100		
Bibliography	50		
<i>Time Deductions: 20 points per minute</i>			
<b>Total Points</b>	<b>1050</b>		

**Other Comments:**