

# Guidelines for Junior Apologetics

In Apologetics speaking, the speaker is given three minutes to prepare a speech which defends a tenet of the Christian faith. Apologetics should motivate students to study and articulate the core issues of their faith.

## Preparation Rules:

1. Students prepare for Apologetics through Bible study, research, and topic organization.
2. Each competitor should create a card file with Scripture, definitions, quotations, and any other material deemed to be helpful.
3. Students may work together on boxes prior to the tournament, but students may not share boxes during competition.

## Presentation Rules:

1. At least one judge in each room will be given instructions and the envelope of topics to distribute to the student.
2. In the room, the speaker will receive three single topics from the judge, choose one, and return the other two topics before leaving the room.
3. A two-minute preparation time begins as soon as the student receives the topic choices.
4. The speech must be the original work of the speaker.
5. During prep time, the speaker may use a Bible, access card files, and write additional notes on note cards.
6. During the speech, the speaker should use only note cards.
7. All questions/topics will be posted on the tournament site upon registration.
8. Apologetics judges should be sympathetic to the ideals of Stoa.
9. Speeches should not exceed five (5) minutes.

## Tips:

1. Consider a personal story, statistics, or quote to introduce your speech.
2. Be sure and answer the specific question asked.
3. Know what your cards say, so as not to read the entire time.
4. This allows for making eye contact with the judge.