

# Rules for Junior Impromptu

Impromptu is speaking completely “on the spot.”

## RULES:

1. Judges will lay out all topics on the table face down. Competitors pick three of the topics and must choose one of the selected topics on which to base their speech. After the speech, the competitor will return the two unused topics to the table and take or toss their selected topic strip, so that it is not chosen again by another competitor.
2. Preparation time (thinking time) is two minutes long and begins when competitors take the topic strips from the table.
3. Competitors may write notes during prep time, but competitors cannot use the notes during their speaking time.
4. No visual aids or props may be used.
5. Competitors must state their name and topic somewhere near the beginning of their speech.
6. Each speech should adhere to the chosen topic, while demonstrating originality and creativity.
7. Competitors may not watch any other speaker that performs before. Competitors may watch Juniors Impromptu speeches after theirs.
8. Each speech is provided a maximum of three minutes performance time. There is no minimum time.

## TO MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE, COMPETITORS SHOULD:

1. Try to choose a topic quickly so as not to waste any preparation time.
2. After a competitor has figured out what they’re going to say during their speech, he/she should use the rest of their preparation time to further think about the topic and how it will be presented.
3. Structure should be something like this: Introduction, points or ideas, and conclusion.

4. Use Scriptures, quotes, or jokes to enrich the Impromptu performance.