

International Independent Schools Public Speaking Competition 2026 Extemporaneous Speaking

Directions: Please write comments if there is sufficient time. These sheets will be returned to the students at the end of the tournament. When the round is over, please give your ballots to the moderator.

Contestant's Name: _____ Code: _____ Room: _____ Round: _____

SCORING GUIDELINES

<u>70 - 74</u> Very Poor	<u>75-79</u> Weak	<u>80</u> Some Strength	<u>81 - 84</u> Good	<u>85- 89</u> Very Good	<u>90 - 94</u> Excellent	<u>95</u> Outstanding
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Category	Score
Knowledge & awareness of issues	/30
Use of evidence	/20
Logical argument & strength of conclusions	/20
Effective delivery	/20
Clarity of thought	/10
Total	/100
Length of Speech (Judges: Do not deduct time penalties): Min: 3 min Max: 6 min	

Note: If the sum of the categories doesn't equal the total score, we will assume that we should use the overall total.

Comments:

Judge: _____ Number of Judges in the Room: _____

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Each participant will draw three topics and choose one, 30 minutes before speaking. Being mindful that this is an international competition, topics will be all be based on major international stories covered in news magazines and newspapers during the six months prior to the tournament. Topics will be framed in question form.

The host school will provide an isolated facility for the competitors to use as a preparation room. Competitors may not bring in any research material or information resources, nor will the host school provide any. Their speeches must be based on their own knowledge of the subject.

During the speech, a competitor may refer only to notes prepared during the preparation period. These notes must be on a 3 x 5 index card, and both sides may be used. The card will be provided by the host school.

The speaker will have 3 to 6 minutes to speak. There will be a time penalty of 2 points for speeches which are up to 30 seconds under 3 minutes or up to 30 seconds over 6 minutes. There will be a time penalty of 10 points for speeches under 2 minutes 30 seconds or over 6 minutes and 30 seconds.

The extemporaneous topic will be read out aloud at the end of the presentation by the moderator.

Salutation is optional.