**Rules for Junior Impromptu**

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 is two minutes in length 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, other than the topic strip.
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. Impromptu competitors may not watch any other competitor that speaks before them. However, once they’ve competed their impromptu speech, they may watch other impromptu competitors.
8. **Speeches** **should not exceed three (3) minutes**. However, no student will be penalized for going over the suggested time, and there is no minimum speaking 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 stories to enrich the Impromptu performance.