

RULES FOR ALL CONVENTION EVENTS

1. In a team event a participant may move up to a higher grade division, but an older participant may not move down to a lower grade division. Each team in each event will participate at the grade division of the highest grade member. All team events will consist of more than one person.
2. All participants in all Convention Events must be registered with the Convention on or before the Registration Deadline.
3. A participant may be in only one (1) individual **OR** team event during a given time period. **No allowance shall be made for anyone not observing this rule.**
4. Each individual award winner and each member of a winning team will receive an engraved plate for his/her participant's plaque.
5. Judge's score sheets and Awards will be placed in congregational packets to be picked up by the Church Coordinator at the end of the convention.
6. Church Coordinators will have until two weeks after the convention to apply for awards, corrections or updates. Any awards needed after this deadline will have to be secured by the Church Coordinator from a local business.
7. A list of Convention Coordinators and addresses will be available on the CTLTC website (<http://www.ctltc.net/>).

SPEECH RULES

PURPOSE: To provide opportunities for young people to develop their verbal communication talents by observing and sharing their public speaking skills as well as knowledge of current events and how they relate to biblical principles.

PROCESS: Each participating congregation shall:

- Read and follow Rules for All Convention Events.
- Register by proper grade division
- Be certain that their speakers are registered for speech and *only* speech for the given time period. *No one* will be allowed to participate in an event if they have a conflict with another event.
- Have each speaker at the proper room before the event begins.

The Event Director shall:

- Assign participants to event rooms
- Assign judges to each room
- Provide critique sheet for each speech
- Report results to the Awards Committee
- Be available to handle questions or concerns regarding the event, the judges or the scoring

GENERAL RULES:

1. This event is not a dramatic interpretation. The judges will decide if the speech is overly dramatic.
2. No speech may be repeated by another speaker.
3. Spectators may not enter or leave the room while participants are speaking.
4. Any video or audio equipment must be set up prior to the event, and must be stationary.
5. Judges may not be related to the participants they are evaluating.
6. Men will be allowed to listen to the girls' speeches.
7. There are three grade divisions in this event:

Grades 3 - 6, 7 - 9, 10 - 12

ORIGINAL ORATORY RULES:

1. Each speech shall be related to the current year's theme. However, students in grades three through six may choose to speak about a Bible character as the topic of their speech.
2. Speeches shall be three to six minutes in length. Deduction of points will occur for speeches over or under the prescribed time limit as follows:

Less than two minutes	Disqualified
2:00 - 2:30	20 points
2:30 - 3:00	10 points
6:00 - 6:30	2 points
6:30 - 7:00	5 points
7:00 - Plus	Disqualified

3. It is understood that parent's or coach's involvement in the conceptualization and writing of the speech will differ as participants grow and develop. It is permissible for parents or coaches to assist younger participants (3rd - 6th grades). However, it is expected that participants will be heavily involved. By 7th - 8th grade, the work should primarily be that of the participants. By 9th grade and above *all* work should be researched and written by the participant. Adherence to this principle cannot be monitored or evaluated by the judges or directors and no points are assigned to this area. Church Coordinators and parents will be expected to set the example for participants by enforcing this principle.
4. Props will *not be allowed*. Any article, either carried or worn, that is referenced in the speech will be considered a prop. The Bible is not a prop. Deduction for props will be 10 points.
5. Note cards will be allowed. Consideration will be given to participants who demonstrate thorough preparation by memorizing their material. Two bonus points will be awarded for memorization.

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH RULES

1. Participants will be given 20 minutes to develop a speech, related to the current year's theme, based on randomly selected topics. Some topics may cover current events from January to April. Topics are to be discussed in the context of the current year's theme. Some topics might include specific scriptural passages. Speeches that do not discuss the biblical perspectives will be disqualified. Scriptural themes must be discussed; however, the amount of time spent reading actual passages must be limited to no more than 30 seconds. Discussion of biblical themes does not have to be limited to a specific book.
2. Speeches shall be three to six minutes in length. Deductions of points will occur for speeches over or under the prescribed time limit as follows:

Less than two minutes	Disqualified
2:00 - 2:30	20 points
2:30 - 3:00	10 points
6:00 - 6:30	2 points
6:30 - 7:00	5 points
7:00 - Plus	Disqualified
3. Each participant must provide his own pencil, paper, and resource material.
4. Participants will be allowed to discard the first topic chosen if they desire, but they must take the second topic.
5. Props will *not* be allowed. Any article, either carried or worn, that is referenced in the speech, will be considered a prop. The Bible is not a prop. Deduction for props will be 10 points.

AWARDS

Awards are given to reward preparation and hard work as well as to recognize excellence in presentation. Critique sheets will be provided to every participant. Ratings and awards will be given to those who score 75 points or better.

Gold--95-100 points, Silver--85-94 points, Bronze--75-84 points

JUDGING CRITERIA:

- ___ (20 pts) **Content and Message** - The content should relate to the type of facts, examples, illustrations, etc., used to lead to a logical conclusion. The message shall be related to the current year's LTC theme.
- ___ (10 pts) **Language and Color** - The speaker should use good grammar, descriptive words or word pictures, similes, metaphors, and other colorful techniques to bring out his message.
- ___ (15 pts) **Voice** - The speaker should show good variety in voice tone and word speed. He should speak clearly and pronounce words properly. His voice should show sincerity and enthusiasm.
- ___ (25 pts) **Delivery and Gestures** - A good speech flows naturally and continuously, but there is still room for dramatic pauses. Memorized speeches should be given with feeling. Gestures should also be natural and flowing. They should enhance the words and message of the speech rather than be an obligatory, unfeeling act.
- ___ (10 pts) **Personality and Attitude** - The speaker should allow his personality to show through the words he uses, the smile on his face, the sincerity in his eyes, the tone of his voice, and eye contact with the audience.
- ___ (20 pts) **Overall Effectiveness** - This is the intangible area where the judge simply determines which speech made the best overall impression.
- ___ (100 pts) **TOTAL**

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