

Impromptu Speaking Procedures:

Signing up:

1. Once semifinals are posted, non-advancing students who wish to do Impromptu Speaking must report to the first floor of Heide Hall. Registration will be open for 20 minutes.
2. Students will need to provide their code and name to State Impromptu Coordinators, Tom August & Walter Stenz.
3. Once the registration time is up. 49 names will be drawn at random to determine the students participating and their section.
4. Schedules will be posted on the first floor of Heide Hall for judges and students. Once posted, students and judges should report immediately to their designated competition room.
5. Students should remain in Heide Hall after speaking. There will be a semifinal and final round of impromptu.
6. There will be a student lounge and judges lounge on the first floor of Heide Hall.

Students:

1. Go to the room you are assigned to speak in. The judge will need to take attendance.
2. You'll be asked to wait in the hallway while others perform until it is your time to speak.
3. When it is your turn to speak, enter the room and wait for the judge to indicate that they are ready.
4. You will be permitted to use a timer, if you wish, or have a teammate not competing in Impromptu give time signals for you.
5. You will receive three topics options. Your time begins when you look at the prompts.
6. When the judge is ready, read the three topics. Select one of them and prepare your speech. You are allowed 1 4x6 notecard for your own notes.
7. Speak to the topic. You are allowed a total of five minutes to prepare and present.
8. When you are finished with your speech, please leave the topic options on the preparation desk for the next student.
9. Please do not share the topics with others students competing in impromptu.

Judges:

1. Begin with all students in the room to checking which students are present.
2. Select a desk or table that will be the designated preparation spot. Indicate to the students where topic options and notecards are located.
3. Ask the student who is speaking first to stay and the remaining students to go into the hallway.
4. Indicate to the student when you are ready for them to begin. Begin timing when the student looks at the prompts. The amount of time a student uses to prepare and speak may be a key factor in your rank.
5. After a student speaks they can remain in the room to watch others they can return to the student lounge.
6. Call in the next contestant.
7. If you have any questions or concerns about this procedure, please see Matt Prost or Tom August, the Impromptu coordinators