

ODACS RULES
SENIOR HIGH, LEVEL III, GRADES 10-12



AREA THREE: SPEECH

GENERAL RULES

1. All material should be in good taste and of high quality. Entries will not be restricted to sacred themes. However, entries which reflect anti-Biblical themes, content, and/or word usage (including profanity or suggestive language) or which contain sensualism, humanism, or worldliness (including offensive performance) will be disqualified.
2. All selections are to be memorized (no scripts will be permitted), excluding the areas of Debate, Original Persuasive Oratory, and Extemporaneous Speaking.
3. Each student must submit three typewritten copies of his selection to the judges prior to his performance.
4. A lectern may be used in the *categories* of *Debate and Extemporaneous Speaking* only. ODACS Variation: A lectern may be used for Debate only. Extemporaneous Speaking contestants will be permitted to use a lectern at the AACCS national competition but not for ODACS competition.
5. The judge will confirm the speaker, selection, and author. The judge will then announce to the individual or group, "You may begin." Timing and adjudication will then begin immediately.
6. No student or group will perform the same selection in two consecutive years. In addition, the same selection is not to be used by multiple groups from the same school in the same year.
7. The time limit for all categories – except Debate, Duet Acting, Reader's Theatre, and Choric Speaking – from the judge's instructions to begin until completion is 5 to 10 minutes.
8. The following rules apply to Categories 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, and 12.
 - a) Body movements should be primarily, but not limited to, movement above the waist.
 - b) No hand props or costume pieces will be permitted.
 - c) All selections will be taken from published works.
 - d) In addition to General Rule #5, the contestant may reintroduce himself, the selection, and author as well as provide the audience with necessary background information in order to set the mood for the piece. He may also give transitional narrative for clarity within the piece. These additions combined are not to exceed one minute and are included in the time limit.
9. Singing of a song during a speech is to be limited to no more than one verse of one song or no more than 1.5 minutes of the speech. In addition, no instrument may be used to accompany the individual or group during the speech performance.
10. The guidelines used by the competition office in determining disqualifications and penalties for violations are in the General Information, page 8. *There will be a point deduction for stopping and starting again.*
11. Selected students will be chosen from the first session to participate in the final competition session. ODACS Variation: Only one round of competition will be conducted unless an additional round is required by the tie-breaking procedure.
12. ODACS Clarification: It is sometimes difficult to determine the category into which a speech best fits. Most questions involve Dramatic Interpretation/Declamation or Dramatic Interpretation/Religious Reading. Competitors are urged to select speeches that clearly fit the categories. Some descriptive information is offered in appendix on page 105.

RULES BY CATEGORY

Category 9: Extemporaneous Speaking

Time Limit: 5-10 minutes

Definition: A persuasive speech on a current issue. The student will be given 30 minutes of preparation time. Topics, drawn randomly, will be from the January, February, and March issues of *World Magazine*, *Human Events*, and *Time*. (ODACS Variation: Only the January and February issues will be used.)

Specific Rules:

- 1 Topics will be stated as questions requiring the student to take a position on the issue.

2. At ten minute intervals each student will draw three topic cards. The student will select one topic and advise the judge of his choice. All three topic cards will then be returned to the judge for subsequent drawings. Prior to a final round (if one is needed) all topic cards used in the preliminary rounds will be discarded.
3. A student is permitted to use one 3 x 5 card for notes.
4. Students should bring the previously stated periodicals to the contest and will be allowed to use them during preparation time.
5. The timekeeper will show numbered cards *nine* through one at one-minute intervals during the speech to alert the speaker of remaining time.
6. Students will not receive any assistance during preparation time.
7. *No student competing in Extemporaneous Speaking will be permitted to bring a cell phone or a computer into the designated preparation room.*
8. A competing student is not permitted to listen to another student until after he has completed his speech.

Judging Form: F21