



CCA Tabulation Form – *Extemporaneous Commentary*

Description of Event

The competitor is given 30 minutes to prepare a maximum 7-minute presentation answering a current event question dealing with national, international, or economic issues. The competitor shall present an original, factual speech based on their opinion on the subject. The tone of the speech should be casual and relaxed. Multiple sources shall be used and properly cited throughout the development of the speech. Proper citations will include where and when statements were made. The competitor shall be prepared to speak immediately upon entering the competition room. One 3 x 5 card is permitted during the presentation. The topic card itself may be used during the speech for the purpose of reading the question or quotation verbatim.

Please note: No Extemp competitor is permitted to listen to other Extemporaneous Commentary speeches before speaking in the round himself.

Things to Look for in a Good Speech

The competitor should clearly answer the question presented through logical reasoning and analysis, which is supported by specific evidence from credible news sources. The introduction should grab the attention of the audience and create interest in the rest of the speech. The introduction should introduce the main ideas and begin to guide us towards the speakers conclusion. The flow of thoughts should be smooth and natural, building to a conclusive end. The conclusion should summarize the speech, provide closure to the presentation, and restate the answer to the question posed.

Please note: A competitor may express viewpoints contrary to those of the judge. Each speech should be judged upon the quality of reasoning and illustrations used, rather than on the opinions/viewpoints expressed.

Violations to Watch For

- Failure to state the question will result in a **two-rank** violation
- Failure to adhere to and answer the question will result in a **one-rank** violation
- Exceeding the time limit will result in a **one-rank** violation

Tabulation Form Instructions:

1. Rank speakers according to rating points assigned on the ballot (highest point speaker gets 1st place, etc). Place rankings in Column 1. There can be no ties in rankings.
2. Transfer all violations from ballots to Column 2. If there are no violations, PROCEED TO “*LAST STEP.”
3. If violations exist, add Columns 1 and 2 for each speaker and place sums in Column 3.
4. In Column 4, break any ties by advancing the speakers (e.g., from 3rd place to 2nd place) with no, or fewer, violations.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Name of Speakers (in planned order of appearance)	Original Rank	Any Violations	Add Columns 1 & 2	FINAL RANK Break any ties.

Judge Name: _____

***LAST STEP: Circle the corresponding FINAL RANK on the bottom of each individual ballot.**