

# Rules for Persuasive Speaking

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**Time Limit:** 2-3 minutes (with a 10 second grace period before and after)

**Aim of Category:**

To develop the skills of researching, understanding, composing and presenting a persuasive speech.

**Description of Category:**

Persuasive discourse surrounds each and every day, from advertisements to politics. The Persuasive Speaking category allows participants to practice skills involved in these everyday acts. A good persuasive speech will contain evidence and reasoning, as well as sound emotional appeals. In judging this category, equal emphasis should be given to content and style. This is an individual category.

**Types of Source Material Allowed:**

All speeches must be written by the student who presents it. Speeches may be based upon current situations, ideas, or problems at local and/or wider levels. Speeches must clearly state the main idea/thesis, build on that thesis, and then present a proposal or a solution. Structures should be clear and opinions well supported.

**Rules:**

1. This is an individual category
2. Speeches must be 2-3 minutes in duration.(A 10 second grace period will be allowed before and after)
3. No costumes or make-up is allowed.
4. No props. This includes anything "found" in the room: bottles, chairs, books, pencils etc.
5. No recorded music or sound effects. No special lighting. No use of any technical equipment.
6. There must be a clear introduction stating title and author(s)
7. Audience interaction is not allowed.
8. All speeches must be memorized. No prompts or assistance can be used or given.

**Violation of Rules:**

1. A clear violation of a rule will receive a 10 point penalty.
2. Time violations will receive a 5 point penalty.
3. Judges must note exact reasons for all penalties.

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