

EVENT GUIDELINES

Interpretive Reading

- Each participant will read a passage of prose or poetry (or a selection of poems), serious or humorous, and of literary merit.
- The use of facial expressions and gestures is encouraged as the competitor feels appropriate but should not distract from the primary emphasis. No props may be used.
- Salutation is optional.
- Each speech should be **7 to 11 minutes**, including a brief introduction of 30 to 60 seconds. The introduction should give background of the author and work, and some indication of the particular interest or appeal of the selection.
- A time penalty will be assessed for going **under 7 minutes** or **over 11 minutes**.
 - 0-3 seconds NO PENALTY
 - 3-6 seconds 2 points
 - 6-16 seconds 5 points
 - 16+ seconds 10 points

Impromptu Speaking

- Each speaker will choose one of three topics, which may be a word, a question, or a phrase—anything not related to current events. Each will speak on it without the use of notes. Wit, humor, philosophy, sentiment, or absurdity are all equally welcome. Judges will be looking for some agility and, above all, for the ability of each speaker to communicate with style and originality.
- Salutation is optional.
- Each speaker will have **2 minutes to prepare**. Speakers may sit or stand while preparing and may take notes, although these may not be used in the speech.
- Each speaker will have **3 to 5 minutes to speak**.
- A time penalty will be assessed for going **under 3 minutes** or **over 5 minutes**.
 - There is a 15 second grace period
 - For speakers outside the grace period, a 10 point penalty will be assessed.

AfterDinner Speaking

- Each speaker must deliver an address that is designed to entertain as well as to inform.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speaker may choose to address an imaginary, identifiable audience.
- Salutation is optional.
- The speech should be **6 minutes long** with a one minute grace period.
- A time penalty will be assessed for going **under 5 minutes** or **over 7 minutes**, according to **penalty schedule** listed in *Interpretive*.
 - 0-3 seconds NO PENALTY
 - 3-6 seconds 2 points
 - 6-16 seconds 5 points
 - 16+ seconds 10 points

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Persuasive Speaking

- This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic.
- A problem + solution approach must be taken.
- Salutation is optional.
- Notes must be limited to one 3 x 5 inch card, both sides, and should be used as little as possible. No props may be used.
- The speech should be from **7 to 13 minutes** in length.
- A time penalty will be assessed for going **under 7 minutes** or **over 13 minutes** (This is similar to the **penalty schedule** listed under *Interpretive*).
 - 0-3 seconds NO PENALTY
 - 3-6 seconds 2 points
 - 6-16 seconds 5 points
 - 16+ seconds 10 points

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INTERPRETIVE READING

Directions: Please write comments if there is sufficient time. These sheets will be returned to the students at the end of the tournament. When the round is over, please give ballot to the timekeeper.

Scoring Guidelines

50-59: Poor 60-69: Weak 70-79: Average 80-89: Very Good 90-100: Superb

CONTESTANT'S NAME: CONTESTANT'S CODE:

Table with 2 columns: CATEGORY and SCORE. Rows include: Quality and Helpfulness of Introduction [max = 10], Overcoming Manuscript [max = 10], Understanding of Selection [max = 10], Pace and Timing [max = 10], Enunciation and Clarity of Presentation [max = 20], Voice Melody and Rhythm [max = 20], Overall Appeal to Listener [max = 20], TOTAL POINTS: [max = 100]

Length of Speech: _____ Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation Time Penalty (if any): _____

Rank in Room: _____

COMMENTS: _____

JUDGE: ROOM: NUMBER OF JUDGES IN ROOM:

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AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

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CONTESTANT'S NAME: CONTESTANT'S CODE:

Table with 2 columns: CATEGORY and SCORE. Rows include: Thoughtful, logical organization of speech [max = 10], Quality of information [max = 30], Originality of entertainment [max = 30], Delivery [max = 20], TOTAL POINTS: [max = 100]

Length of Speech: _____ Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation Time Penalty (if any): _____

Rank in Room: _____

COMMENTS:

Multiple horizontal lines for writing comments.

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IMPROMPTU SPEAKING

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CONTESTANT'S NAME: CONTESTANT'S CODE:

Table with 2 columns: CATEGORY and SCORE. Rows include Adherence to statement of topic, Organization, Appeal to audience, Aptness of supporting material, Delivery, and TOTAL POINTS.

Length of Speech: Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation Time Penalty (if any):

Rank in Room:

COMMENTS:

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PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

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Scoring Guidelines

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CONTESTANT'S NAME: CONTESTANT'S CODE:

Table with 2 columns: CATEGORY and SCORE. Rows include Analysis of problem; knowledge of topic [max = 30], Persuasiveness of conclusion; logic, appeal [max = 20], Originality of approach [max = 20], Delivery [max = 30], and TOTAL POINTS: [max = 100].

Length of Speech: _____ Note: Time penalties will be deducted from total points in the tabulation room; judges should not account for time penalties in total points calculation Time Penalty (if any): _____

Rank in Room: _____

COMMENTS:

Multiple horizontal lines for writing comments.

JUDGE: ROOM: NUMBER OF JUDGES IN ROOM:

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DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS TO STONELEIGH-BURNHAM SCHOOL

General location:

On Route 5 at the junction of Route 5 and I-91 in Greenfield, Massachusetts.

From the North:

Take I-91 South to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

From the South:

Take I-91 North to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

From the West:

From Route 2 East (Mohawk Trail), take I-91 North to Exit 27. Take exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn left onto Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.

From the East:

Take Route 2 West to exit for Route 5 & 10 Greenfield. Turn right on Route 5 & 10 North. The SBS entrance is the first road on the left.