

Commonly Asked Questions...

How many speaking competitions is a student allowed to participate in? As passed by the delegates at the 70th state FFA convention, a member can participate in two individual events and one team event during a current school year starting at the district level.

What happens if a first or second place individual/team who is to advance to the next level of competition cannot compete? If either the first or second place individual depending upon the level of competition cannot compete in the next level of competition, the next individual/team in line will be asked to compete.

If there is only one individual or team competing in an event at the district competition, do I or our team still need to compete? YES. Any individual or team who wants to advance to the sectional competition must compete in a district level competition even if they would automatically advance based on the number of competitors.

Can I use props in my Prepared Speech presentation? No. Props are not allowed at any level of competition.

Can people sit in and watch members competing in the various events? The policy is an “open door” to those who want to view competitions. However, no one can enter or leave the room during a participant’s performance. If an open door procedure is used at the contest site, there **MUST** be a holding room for competitors in the Creed and Quiz Bowl competitions as the same questions are used for all participants.

If a district contest wishes to have a more closed door policy that would have to be decided by the advisors in attendance at that contest. What this would mean is that for individuals who wish to watch a member/team compete, that once the person watching enters the room to listen to a competitor, they must stay in the room for the entire competition. No one is to leave the room once they have heard a competitor except for the contestant themselves or no audience is allowed.

Who should break a tie in a speaking competition? It is the responsibility of the judges to make the final decision. One winner must be selected. In addition, at least four places should be indicated in case the first and/or second place contestants cannot advance to the next level of competition. Remember the decision of the judges is final.

Is the Quiz Bowl competition a single or double elimination competition? The FFA Quiz Bowl competition is a single elimination contest. If only three teams are competing, a round robin form of bracketing should be used as described in the FFA Quiz Bowl contest rules.

When and to who are the manuscripts to be sent for the Prepared Public Speaking Contest and the Resumes and Cover Letters for the Job Interview Contest? The Prepared Speaking manuscripts and Job Interview material must all be **POSTMARKED TWO WEEKS** before the scheduled contest and sent to the host advisor of the chapter in charge of the contest.

Can I change my Prepared Speech manuscript or Job Interview materials after I have competed? YES. Changes are allowed between competitions. The main thing is that you get the materials to the host advisor **POSTMARKED TWO WEEKS** before the competition.

Are there published Extemporaneous Speaking Contest topics that the contestants can practice and study? No there are no prepared topics for contestants to practice with before the contest. The first time the students see the topics will be at the contest. Refer to the rules of the Extemporaneous Speaking contest to see what general topic areas will be covered.

When do the Discussion Meet Topics get released? Official Discussion Meet topics will be posted on the Wisconsin FFA website by December 1. These will be the actual topics used at the different levels of competitions. Contestants should study these topics well.

Questions you need answered....Contact the Wisconsin FFA Center (715) 659-4807.