PREPARED SPEECH
(545)

REGIONAL – 2016

Judges/Graders: Please double check and verify all scores and answer keys!

Description

Demonstrate communication skills in securing, arranging, organizing, and presenting information orally.

Each contestant is to select a topic related to business, entrepreneurship, or Business Professionals of America, and develop an oral presentation of no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) minutes.

Facts and working data may be secured from any source. This event emphasizes a scholarly approach to securing information and places emphasis on content and research. Each contestant's speech, however, must be the result of his/her own efforts.

JUDGING PROCEDURE

- Contestants will be introduced by contestant number. **Contestants may continue to wear their name badges.**
- Contestants will present before a panel of judges and timekeeper.
- The length of set-up will be no more than one (1) minute.
- Set-up will be stopped at one (1) minute to begin the speech.
- The speech will be no less than five (5) minutes and no more than seven (7) minutes.
- The speech will be stopped at seven (7) minutes.
- No time is allotted for judges' questions.
- Contestants should be dismissed upon completion of their speech.
- **There can be no ties in the top ten (10) contestants.** It is the responsibility of the judges to break any ties.
- Administrator will fill out ranking sheet prior to dismissing the judges.
- If more than one (1) section is necessary, finalists will be determined by selecting an equal number from each section.
- Give administrator all Judges' Rating Sheets, Judge Evaluation Sheets, and contest materials.
- No audience is allowed in the contest room.

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