

PALM BEACH CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE
Critique Sheet for
IMPROMPTU

Round _____ Room _____ Student Names: _____ Code _____ Rank _____ of _____

Selection Title: _____

Judge's Name: _____ Judge's Code: _____

Judge's School /League: _____

- The impromptu speech is a short, well-organized talk that makes a specific point. A student will blindly draw three topics from the judge and choose one topic upon which to base the speech. The contestant is to be judged upon (1) creative development of the topic, (2) organization and logic, (3) support of the speech, (4) adherence to the topic and (5) delivery - creativity, eye contact, vocal variety and gestures.
- The order of draws/performing will be decided based on postings.
- The first competitor will draw three topics from an envelope. They must choose one topic, and put the other two back in the envelope.
- The student may leave the room to practice/prep but cannot receive help from any outside sources. They have a maximum of 3 minutes to prepare. A student from the room or the judge may ask them to come inside to perform at the conclusion of 3 minutes.
- The student must give the judge the topic they drew from the envelope. The judge may tape this to the ballot or handwrite it in the "title" section. The student must incorporate the topic into their speech without simply saying it and moving on.
- The competitor will have 3-5 minutes to perform. Time signals should be given, based on the performer's preference.
- The speech may not exceed 5 minutes. However, a 20 second grace period will be allotted.
- Once the student has completed, they may take a seat and watch the remainder of the round. The next student will then draw their topic and the round will continue.
- Impromptu topics will be chosen from proverbs, ordinary things, abstract words, events, quotations, and famous people.

PLEASE USE THE REVERSE TO COMMENT ON POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PERFORMANCE, AND TO PROVIDE SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS. BE CERTAIN TO INCLUDE JUSTIFICATION FOR YOUR RANKING.