EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEECH

OVERVIEW

Participants have the opportunity to verbally communicate their knowledge of technology or TSA subjects. Participants give a three-to-five (3-5) minute speech fifteen (15) minutes after having drawn a card on which a technology or TSA topic is written.

ELIGIBILITY

Three (3) individuals per state may participate.

TIME LIMITS

A. **Preliminary Round:**
   1. Each speech must be between three and five (3-5) minutes.
   2. Participants will be penalized one (1) point per ten (10) seconds for speaking over five (5) minutes or under three (3) minutes.
   3. Time commences when the speaker begins talking and concludes at the end of the speech.

B. **Semifinal Round:** The LEAP interview will take place immediately following each semifinalist speech and will last a maximum of five (5) additional minutes.

LEAP

An individual LEAP Report is required for this event and must be submitted at event check-in (see LEAP Program).

ATTIRE

TSA competition attire is required for this event.

PROCEDURE

PRELIMINARY ROUND

1. Participants report to the event area at the time and place stated in the conference program to sign up for a time and submit a LEAP Report.

2. At his/her assigned time, each participant draws three (3) cards, each containing one (1) topic, from a box and selects one (1) topic from the three (3) on which to speak. The cards with the unused topics are returned to the box.

3. Preparation
   a. After having selected a topic, the first participant enters a preparation room separate from the speech delivery room and is given fifteen (15) minutes to prepare a speech.
   b. Seven (7) minutes after the first participant enters the preparation room, the second participant enters the preparation room, goes to a different section, and begins his/her speech preparation, again with fifteen (15) minutes to prepare a speech.
   c. Each participant, in turn, is allowed to enter the preparation room at seven (7)-minute intervals, thus enabling a consistent flow of participants to speak before the judges in a timely fashion. (This allows for one [1] minute to enter the room and announce the entry number, up to five [5] minutes for the presentation, and one [1] minute to exit the room.)

4. The event coordinator introduces each participant (using the participant identification number only) according to the order in which participants appear on the sign-up sheet.

5. The timekeeper visually notifies the speaker of the time remaining by using six (6) separate cards. Each of the six (6) 5" x 7" notecards has a "time remaining in minutes" number on it (4, 3, 2, 1, ½, and 0), and each is shown in descending order to the participant by the timekeeper during the speech.

6. After speaking, the participant returns the topic card to the judges so that it can be returned to the topic box.

7. Judges independently evaluate each speech.

8. A list of twelve (12) semifinalists (in random order) is posted.

SEMIFINAL ROUND

1. Semifinalists report to the event area at the time and place stated in the conference program to sign up for a time.

2. Semifinalist preparation and speaking follow the same guidelines as above, using a different set of topics.

3. The semifinalist LEAP interview will take place immediately following each semifinalist speech.

REGULATIONS

PRELIMINARY AND SEMIFINAL ROUNDS

A. No reference is to be made concerning the name of the participant or his/her school.

B. Each speech must be the result of the participant's own effort.

C. Notes:

1. No reference materials or devices may be used or brought to the preparation room.

2. Any notes for speaking must be written during the fifteen (15)-minute preparation period.

3. Each participant will be provided a maximum of three (3) 3" x 5" blank notecards.

4. Although participants are permitted to use notes when speaking, it should be noted that deductions in scoring could be made for this practice if the use of notes detracts from the effectiveness of the speech.

D. Observers:

1. No observers are allowed in the event or preparation rooms during preliminary heats, although they are allowed to sit in the audience of the performance during the semifinal round.

2. No talking or gesturing is permitted.

3. Observers are NOT allowed to enter or leave during a speech.

4. There is no applause until the speech has concluded.

E. Participants are penalized by each judge one (1) point per ten (10) seconds for speaking over five (5) minutes or under three (3) minutes.

F. Semifinal Round only: LEAP Requirements

1. Participants document the leadership skills the team has developed and demonstrated while working on this event, and on a non-competitive event leadership experience.

2. Semifinalists will respond to questions about the content of their LEAP Report as part of their event-specific presentation/interview.

3. Specific LEAP Report regulations can be found in the LEAP Program section of this guide and on the TSA website.

EVALUATION

1. The quality of the speech

2. The degree to which the content matches the selected topic

3. Adherence to the time limits

4. The LEAP requirements and interview (seminfinalists only)

Refer to the official rating form for more information.

STEM INTEGRATION

This event aligns with the STEM educational standards of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

CAREERS RELATED TO THIS EVENT

• Advertising executive
• Public speaker
• Politician
• Sales and marketing executive
• Teacher

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2019 & 2020 OFFICIAL RATING FORM

HIGH SCHOOL

Judges: Using minimal (1-4 points), adequate (5-8 points), or exemplary (9-10 points) performance levels as a guideline in the rating form, record the scores earned for the event criteria in the column spaces to the right. The X1 or X2 notation in the criteria column is a multiplier factor for determining the points earned. (Example: an "adequate" score of 7 for an X1 criterion = 7 points; an "adequate" score of 7 for an X2 criterion = 14 points.) A score of zero (0) is acceptable if the minimal performance for any criterion is not met.

Go/No Go Specifications

- Before judging the entry, ensure that the items below are present; indicate presence with a check mark in the box.
- If an item is missing, leave the box next to the item blank and place a check mark in the box labeled ENTRY NOT EVALUATED.
- If a check mark is placed in the ENTRY NOT EVALUATED box, the entry is not to be judged.

☐ Completed LEAP Report is present
☐ ENTRY NOT EVALUATED

SPEECH (80 points)				Record scores in the column spaces below.
CRITERIA	Minimal performance	Adequate performance	Exemplary performance	
	1-4 points	5-8 points	9-10 points	
Organization (X1)	The speech is unorganized and difficult to follow or understand.	The speech is somewhat organized and generally can be followed and understood.	The speech is well organized and easy to follow; the delivery is exceptional.	
Knowledge (X2)	Minimal knowledge of the subject is evident in the speech; the participant does not convey an understanding of the topic.	Adequate knowledge of the subject is evident, and the speaker relates and conveys a general understanding of the topic.	Complete knowledge and understanding of the topic and the development of a theme are conveyed through content of the speech.	
Voice and articulation (X1)	The presenter conveys an inconsistent use of proper grammar, word pronunciation, and acceptable tone and pitch.	The presenter generally uses proper grammar and pronunciation, and varies the use of tone and pitch.	Smooth and effective articulation, proper grammar, correct pronunciation, and varied tone and pitch are evident throughout the speech.	
Stage presence (X1)	The presenter's appearance is unprofessional, sloppy, and inappropriate.	The presenter's appearance is adequate, appropriate, and somewhat professional.	The presenter's appearance is appropriate, professional, and polished.	
Impact (X3)	The speech is unconvincing, uninteresting, and lacks compelling and attention-holding details.	The speech is somewhat convincing and emphasizes several details; it adequately holds the attention of the audience and remains interesting.	The speech is completely convincing, full of emphasis, and holds the attention and interest of the audience.	
			SPEECH SUBTOTAL (80 points)	

Rules violations (a deduction of 20% of the total possible points for the above sections) must be initialed by the judge, coordinator, and manager of the event. Record the deduction in the space to the right.

Indicate the rule violated: _____

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TIME DEDUCTIONS

One (1) point per ten (10)-second interval is to be deducted for speaking under the three (3) minutes or over the five (5) minutes allotted for the speech. Time commences when the participant begins speaking

Presentation Delivery Time	
TOTAL TIME DEDUCTION	

PRELIMINARY SUBTOTAL (80 points)	

SEMIFINAL LEAP INTERVIEW (8 points)

CRITERIA	Minimal performance	Adequate performance	Exemplary performance	
	1-4 points	5-8 points	9-10 points	
LEAP Report/ Interview (10% of total event points)	The individual's efforts are not clearly communicated, lack detail, and/or are unconvincing; few, if any, attempts are made to identify and/or incorporate the SLC Practices and Behaviors.	The individual's efforts are adequately communicated, include some detail, are clear, and/or are generally convincing; identification and/or incorporation of the SLC Practices and Behaviors is adequate.	The individual's efforts are clearly communicated, fully-detailed, and convincing; identification and/or incorporation of the SLC Practices and Behaviors is excellent.	

SEMIFINAL LEAP INTERVIEW SUBTOTAL (8 points)	

Rules violations (a deduction of 20% of the total possible points for the above sections) must be initialed by the judge, coordinator, and manager of the event. Record the deduction in the space to the right.

Indicate the rule violated: _____

SEMIFINAL SUBTOTAL (8 points)	

To arrive at the TOTAL score, add any subtotals and subtract rules violation points, as necessary. **TOTAL (88 points)**	

Comments:

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I certify these results to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

JUDGE

Printed name: _____ Signature: _____

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EVENT COORDINATOR INSTRUCTIONS

PERSONNEL

A. Event coordinator

B. Judges:

1. Preliminary round of speeches, two (2) or more per heat/event room

2. Semifinalist speeches, two (2) or more

C. Timekeepers, one (1) per heat/event room

D. Monitors, one (1) per event room

MATERIALS

A. Coordinator's packet, containing:

1. Event guidelines, one (1) copy for the coordinator and for each judge

2. TSA Event Coordinator Report

3. List of judges/assistants

4. Pre-populated flash drives for judges

5. Results envelope

6. Envelope for LEAP Reports

7. LEAP Interview Judging Protocol

B. Speaker's stand/podium, one (1) per heat/event room

C. Stopwatch, one (1) per heat/event room and two (2) per preparation room

D. 5" x 7" notecards for "time remaining in minutes" numbers (see Procedure E), six (6) per heat/event room

E. Table and chairs for judges and the timekeeper

F. Chairs for audience (semifinalist round only)

G. 3" x 5" blank notecards, three (3) per participant

H. 3" x 5" topic cards—a minimum of fifteen (15) different topics from which to select

I. Tables and chairs in the preparation room

RESPONSIBILITIES

AT THE CONFERENCE

1. Attend the mandatory coordinator's meeting at the designated time and location.

2. Report to the CRC room and obtain the coordinator's packet; check the contents.

3. Review the event guidelines and check to see that enough judges and assistants have been scheduled.

4. Inspect the areas in which the heats will be conducted for appropriate set-up including sufficient number and size of tables.

5. At least one (1) hour before the event is scheduled to begin, meet with judges/assistants to review time limits, procedures, and regulations. If questions arise that cannot be answered, speak to the event manager before the event begins.

EVENT CHECK-IN

1. Collect LEAP Reports from participants during the initial event sign-ups at the time and place stated in the conference program.

2. Participants who do not submit the required individual LEAP Report are not permitted to compete.

3. Anyone reporting who is not on the entry list may check in only after official notification is received from the CRC.

4. Late entries are considered on a case-by-case basis and only when the delay is caused by events beyond participant control.

PRELIMINARY ROUND

1. Manage the smooth flow of participants according to these procedures:

    a. After having selected a topic, the first participant enters a preparation room that is separate from the speech delivery room and is given fifteen (15) minutes to prepare a speech.

b. Seven (7) minutes after the first participant enters the preparation room, the second participant enters the preparation room, goes to a different section, and is given fifteen (15) minutes to prepare a speech.

c. Each participant, in turn, is allowed to enter the preparation room at seven (7)-minute intervals, thus enabling a consistent flow of participants to speak before the judges in a timely fashion. (This allows for one [1] minute to enter the room and announce the entry number, up to five [5] minutes for the presentation, and one [1] minute to exit the room.)

2. When the participants have finished, each judge records the scores, consulting the timekeeper's record. The timekeepers notify judges of any time under three (3) minutes or over five (5) minutes for which deductions should be made.

3. Decisions about rules violations must be discussed and verified with the judges, event coordinator, and CRC manager to determine either:

    a. To deduct twenty percent (20%) of the total possible points in this round or

    b. To disqualify the entry

    c. The event coordinator, judges and CRC manager must initial either of these actions on the rating form.

4. If heats are used, judges determine twelve (12) semifinalists and discuss and break any ties

5. Semifinalists will be posted by the CRC.

6. Review and submit the semifinalist results and all related items/forms in the results envelope to the CRC room for posting.

7. Create semifinalist sign-up sheet for each participant's final presentation

SEMIFINAL ROUND

1. Meet with semifinalist judges to review the LEAP Judging Protocol. If questions arise that cannot be answered, speak to the event manager before the semifinalist presentations begin.

2. Meet with semifinalists at the time and place stated in the conference program to allow them to sign up for a semifinalist LEAP interview time.

3. Repeat the preliminary round process to determine the finalists.

4. Include an additional five (5) minutes per time slot (semifinalist round only) to allow for each semifinalist to participate in a semifinalist LEAP interview immediately following his/her semifinalist presentation.

5. Decisions about rules violations must be discussed and verified with the judges, event coordinator, and CRC manager to determine either:

    a. To deduct twenty percent (20%) of the total possible points in this round or

    b. To disqualify the entry

    c. The event coordinator, judges and CRC manager must initial either of these actions on the rating form.

6. Judges determine the ten (10) finalists and discuss and break any ties. (Determine the procedure for breaking ties before the onsite competition begins.)

7. Review and submit the finalist results and all items/forms in the results envelope to the CRC room.

8. If necessary, manage security and the removal of materials from the area.