



An Original Oratory is an original platform speech given on any topic the speaker chooses.

ORIGINAL ORATORY GENERAL RULES

(For clarification of the General Rules, see the Speech FAQ's on the NCFCA website.)

- The speech must be an original work, scripted word for word by the competitor.
- The topic of the speech is determined by the speaker.
- Material must be prepared and used for the current NCFCA season only. Speakers may not enter the same speech in more than one event at the same tournament.
- Humor and satire are permitted.
- Props, costumes, audiovisuals, and gratuitous vulgarity are not allowed.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- Students are permitted to express opinions which are contrary to those of the judge.
- Directly quoted material may comprise a maximum of 30% of the total words in the speech.
- All outside sources must be cited within the speech. This refers to direct quotations, theories, concepts and general ideas.
- No notes or prompting are allowed.
- Use of a script is allowed at a Qualifying Tournament, Regional Invitational or National Open but requires a penalty of two ranks.
- Use of a script at the National Championship will result in disqualification.
- Scripts must be submitted at all NCFCA tournaments. Script Submission forms and requirements may be found on the NCFCA website.
- Audience laughter, which extends the time of a piece, should not penalize the speaker.
- Time limit: 10-minute maximum; no minimum time.