



*Apologetics is a limited preparation speech in which the speaker draws a topic and is given four minutes to prepare a six-minute speech that presents a well-reasoned defense of basic tenets of the Christian faith.*

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## Limited Preparation Speech

1. **General Speech Rules** must be followed in addition to these Event Rules.
2. **Preparation time** is limited to a four-minute maximum. **Speech time** is limited to a six-minute maximum.
3. **Research** is permitted prior to the competition.
  - **Notes** may be written or printed on notecards (up to 5" x 6") and stored in the speaker's file box(es). The speaker may come into the event with as much preparation, research, and topic organization as desired.
  - **Notecards** and file box(es) may not be shared at the tournament.
4. **Preparation time** begins when the speaker draws a topic card in the competition room.
  - **A topic card** contains two topics.
  - **The speaker must prepare and speak** on one of the two topics.
  - **The chosen topic** may be underlined, but no notes may be written on the topic card.
  - **Only notecards** and **the Bible** may be used for reference.
  - **Notes** may be written on additional blank notecards (up to 5" x 6" in size).
  - **Unused preparation time** may not be added to the speech time.
5. **During the delivery of the speech:**
  - **Only the chosen topic card** and **notecards** prepared previously or during preparation time, may be held during the speech.
  - **The chosen topic** must be stated early in the speech.
  - **The gospel** may be, but is not required to be, presented.
  - **Sources for supporting material** used within the speech must be verbally mentioned in the speech.