



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.

Apologetics Event Rules

Limited Preparation Speech

1. **General Speech Rules** must be followed in addition to these Event Rules.
2. **Topics** will be taken from those posted in the NCFCA Resource Library.
3. **Research** is permitted prior to the competition.
 - **Notes** may be written, printed, or affixed 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 during a tournament.
4. **Preparation time** is limited to a four-minute maximum. **Speech time** is limited to a six-minute maximum.
5. **During preparation time:**
 - **The speaker** must prepare to speak on one of the two assigned topics.
 - **No notes may be written** on the topic card.
 - **Notes** may be written on additional blank notecards (up to 5" x 6").
 - **Only notecards** and **the Bible** may be used for reference. Phones, computers, and other electronic devices may not be used to view materials, to research, or to request, send, or receive information.
 - **Unused preparation time** may not be added to the speech time.
6. **During the delivery of the speech:**
 - **The speaker** must speak on one of the two assigned topics.
 - **The assigned topic card** and **notecards** prepared previously or during preparation time may be held during the speech. No other written or printed material may be held.
 - **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.