**SUGGESTED SCRIPT FOR HEAD JUDGE**

***Head Judge’s instructions to decathlete before prepared speech:***

**“You will be presenting your prepared speech. This speech should be no less than 3 ½ minutes and no more than 4 minutes. When the Timer holds up the “0” time remaining card, you must stop immediately or receive a time penalty. The Timer will now give instructions regarding timing and will demonstrate the timing cards.”**

*(Pause for Timer’s instructions.)*

**“You may start when you are ready.”**

*(Timer begins stop watch once student begins their speech.)*

***Head Judge’s instructions to decathlete before impromptu speech:***

**“You will now prepare and present your impromptu speech. The impromptu speech must be no less than 1 ½ minutes and no more than 2 minutes. The timer will be showing the same three timing cards. Would you like the timer to review the timing cards again?”**

*(If the student requests the timing instructions for the impromptu, pause for Timer’s instructions; otherwise, proceed.)*

**A topic card with 3 impromptu topics is face down on that table** *(gesture toward table)***. After I instruct you to begin preparing your impromptu, you should turn over the topic card. You will have 1 minute to choose a topic and prepare your speech. There are notecards and pencils if you wish to use them.**

**“You may begin preparing your impromptu speech.”**

*(Wait one minute until Timer calls time)*

**“Please hand me the topic card and indicate the topic you have chosen.”**

*(Pause while student indicates topic.)*

**“You may now begin your impromptu speech.”**

*(Timer begins stopwatch once student begins their speech.)*