

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.)