

SPEECH GUIDELINES

(See different guidelines for PowerPoint)

1. Participants must pre-register on the Communication Rally Entry Form/Score Sheet. Complete one Entry Form/Score Sheet for each presentation entered. Please identify the respective subject matter category, age, and presentation type for the presentation on the form. Participants may enter each of the four (4) presentation types: Speech, Illustrated Presentation, Extemporaneous, and PowerPoint. **Participants may enter only one presentation per presentation type. (Example: They may enter only one speech, one illustrated presentation, one extemporaneous, or one PowerPoint.)**
2. Props and other medium for illustration purposes must **not** be used in speeches.
3. PowerPoint presentations may **not** be entered in non-PowerPoint categories. Special contest guidelines and categories have been developed for all PowerPoint presentations.
4. Participants should not use material they have used previously for a Communication Rally speech. A new speech must be developed and presented each year.
5. Pre-registration is required. **The speech category number must be noted on the pre-registration form.** *If this number is missing, processing will be delayed.*
6. Results will be announced at the Awards Assembly at the conclusion of the Communication Rally Contest. A Blue or Red Award will be given to each participant. The top three individuals in each class will be awarded ribbons. First Place in each class will be selected to represent Tulsa County at the NE District Public Speaking Contest.
7. Time limits: Junior: 3-5 minutes
 Intermediate: 5-7 minutes
 Senior: 5-7 minutes
8. There are three age categories: Senior -- at least 15 years of age by January 1; Intermediate – 12-14 years of age; and Junior – 9-11 years of age.
9. Depending upon the number of pre-registrations, categories may be merged into larger sections or split into smaller sections.