



CCA Event Summary -- *Extemporaneous Apologetics*

Description of Event

The competitor is given five minutes to prepare a maximum 5-minute presentation responding to a question or statement about a topic on faith or doctrine. The competitor shall present an original and organized response in a conversational manner that directly addresses and answers the question/statement. The competitor's well-reasoned response must reflect biblical truth and must use scripture as part of their researched defense. A Bible and one standard-sized 3" x 5" card file box to reference during the 5-minute prep time are permitted. One 3" x 5" card with any notes made during the preparation time along with any number of cards from the file box are permitted during the presentation. The file box and the Bible must remain at the prep table during the presentation. The topic card itself may be used during the speech. ***At the end of prep time, the competitor will stand and the judge will read the question/statement out loud. The timer begins as the speaker begins to speak.*** No Extemporaneous Apologetic competitors are permitted to listen to other Extemporaneous Apologetics speeches before speaking in the round.

Please note: A competitor may express viewpoints contrary to those of the judge. The judge should not evaluate the round based upon denominational preferences or resources but on the quality of reasoning, analysis, and sound biblical truth.

Things to Look for in a Good Speech

The student should engage his or her audience in a gentle and respectful manner that persuades the listener of the plausibility and truthfulness of the Christian faith. The student should use biblical truth along with outside sources, reason, logic, and sound argumentation to remove, if possible, barriers to believing in the Christian faith. A gospel presentation may or may not fit the topic, but the student should very clearly address the statement or answer the question given. In responding, the student should display an understanding of the topic, an understanding of the Bible as it relates to that topic, and be able to communicate relevant truths in a well thought out manner that encourages the listener to respond in some way. It is required that the student share at least one Bible verse in responding to the question/statement. Students are strongly encouraged to quote additional authors to provide added clarity to the topic as well as personal experience or witness.

Violations to Watch For

- Failure to use scripture will result in a **one-rank** violation
- Failure to adhere to the question/statement will result in a **one-rank** violation
- Exceeding the time limit will result in a **one-rank** violation

Tabulation Form Instructions:

1. Rank speakers according to rating points assigned on the ballot (highest point speaker gets 1st place, etc). Place rankings in Column 1. There can be no ties in rankings.
2. Transfer all violations from ballots to Column 2. If there are no violations, PROCEED TO “*LAST STEP.”
3. If violations exist, add Columns 1 and 2 for each speaker and place sums in Column 3.
4. In Column 4, break any ties by advancing the speakers (e.g., from 3rd place to 2nd place) with no, or fewer, violations.

	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Names of Speakers (in order of appearance)	Original Rank	Any Violations	Add Columns 1 & 2	FINAL RANK Break any ties.

Judge Name: _____

* **LAST STEP: Circle the corresponding FINAL RANK on the bottom of each individual ballot.**