



IE Document Updates 2023

This document contains the updates made to the official CCA Speech/Individual Events documents with changes described when appropriate. While this guide should help highlight updates, it should not be considered a rule-setting document; please refer to the documents themselves for a full understanding of the updates in context. CCA Speech/Individual Events document updates are official as of September 1, 2022.

All documents were reviewed and updated to promote readability, consistency, and clarity.

Document: Criteria and Competitor Standards (CCS)

Scope

Page 1

Updated:

All events for the years 2023-2026 are included in this document (see IE Four Year Rotation 2023-2026). Events for the 2023 tournament season are highlighted in yellow.

User's Guide

Updated:

In order for competitors, coaches, and parents to get the most out of this document and to understand each event completely, the following is required:

Biblical Worldview

Added:

For virtually every topic or subject matter, viewpoints and opinions are held that may contradict the principles of the Word of God. Some of these viewpoints are overtly secular or blatantly sinful, yet all subjects can be approached from a biblical perspective where truth is upheld. Topics and literature that have an overtly Christian message are not required for any event in CCA. Students are encouraged to engage topics that our culture and world discuss. However, students and coaches are responsible for examining the perspective presented to ensure that the messages and themes in the speeches and chosen topics do not contradict biblical principles and the fundamental truths of the Bible. **Students and coaches are also responsible for ensuring that the language in these speeches reflects biblical principles. That “no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for**



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edification according to the need of the moment, say that, so that it will give grace to those who hear” Eph 4:29. Follow the Apostle Paul’s example in examining the condition of man and the culture but without gratuitous detail.

Standards for all IE categories Page 2

Updated:

- Beginning with the 2022 season, students **are** limited to 2 consecutive seasons of competing in Impromptu at one or more CCA tournaments per season.

Removed:

- Vulgarity and profanity are prohibited.

Replaced with:

- **CCA is a family-oriented league. The audience for speeches may include young children and community judges.** Vulgarity, **obscenity, indecency**, and profanity are prohibited.

Added:

Recording Speeches

No video and or audio recording of Individual Events is permitted.

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Proof of Copyright, Public Domain, or Author’s Permission (Not required for Bible Interpretation).

Updated:

- 2) If in the public domain:
 - If published in **1927** or earlier, a photocopy of the title page of the work. On this page, the title, publishing company, and date of publication must be highlighted in yellow.

Removed:

- 2) If in the public domain:
 - For works available exclusively online, competitors may print the title page directly from the website.
 - If printed *after* 1926, proof that the piece is in the public domain.



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Replaced with:

2) If in the public domain:

- For works available exclusively online, competitors may print the title page, **including publishing company and date of publication highlighted in yellow**, directly from the website.
- If printed *after 1927*, proof that the piece is in the public domain, **and a photocopy of the title page, publishing company, and date of publication must be highlighted in yellow**.

Removed:

3) If you have written permission for use from the author:

- A signed and dated letter of permission to use the work from the author or owner addressed to you. This should include the title and date of publication or production. An electronic signature with email address is acceptable.

Replaced with:

3) If in the public domain:

- A signed and dated letter of permission to use the work from the author or owner addressed to you. This should include the title and date of publication or production **highlighted in yellow**. An electronic signature with email address is acceptable.

ORAL INTERPRETATION GENERAL STANDARDS

Presentation

Forensic Notebook

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Removed:

The use of a Forensic Notebook is required for all interpretive speeches at all tournaments. This is in addition to and does not substitute for the script submission. The Forensic Notebook must be a black 5½" x 8½" containing the script of the oral interpretation. The pages of the book must be on black card stock placed in plastic sleeves (sheet protectors). The Forensic Notebook must be closed during the original introduction and open during the teaser and the remainder of the presentation.



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Replaced with:

The use of a Forensic Notebook is required for all interpretive speeches at all tournaments. This is in addition to and does not substitute for the script submission. The Forensic Notebook must be a black 5½" x 8½" **1 inch Round Ring Binder** containing the script of the oral interpretation. The pages of the book must be on black card stock placed in plastic sleeves (sheet protectors). The Forensic Notebook must be closed during the original introduction and open during the teaser and the remainder of the presentation.

Violations

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The following violations will result in one or more rank deductions in the round:

Removed:

- Failure to use a Forensic Notebook (2 rank)

Replaced with:

- **Lack of** Forensic Notebook **containing the script** (2 rank)

Document: Division Eligibility

Competitor Divisions & Event Eligibility:

Updated:

Age as of January 1 of the current competition season. In the **2023** season, the competitor's age as of January 1, **2023**, will determine eligibility.

Impromptu (Varsity Division only)

Updated:

Beginning with the 2022 season, students **are** limited to 2 consecutive seasons of competing in Impromptu at one or more CCA tournaments per season.



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Document: IE Glossary

Added:

Synthesize: As used in the News Analysis event, to combine the information and claims presented by the author into one overall point. A synthesis is not simply a summary or restatement of the author's information, but it is rather taking multiple parts and forming them into a complex whole.

Document: News Analysis Ballot

Introduction

Removed:

- Cites article correctly

Replaced with:

- Provides synthesis of the article
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Document: Coaching Tips

Limited Preparation

News Analysis Preparation

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Removed:

Practice identifying the author's thesis or intent, the supporting points, and conclusion. What is it the author wants to you to believe or do as a result of the article? Practice by writing your own thesis, supporting points, and conclusion based on your analysis. Remember that prewritten outlines are not allowed in the file box.

Replaced with:

Practice synthesizing the information and claims presented by the author. Make sure you have read the entire article first. What is it the author wants to you to believe or do as a result of the article? **Combine the information presented and claims into one overall point. Do not simply summarize and restate the author's information. The goal is to analyze and combine the**



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information. This needs to be communicated in the introduction of the speech. This synthesis shows the judge that you have an overall understanding of the article, and it helps to provide a framework for the rest of your speech. Next, practice by writing your own thesis, supporting points, and conclusion based on your analysis. Remember that prewritten outlines are not allowed in the file box.
