



## **Speech**

### **Purpose**

To develop verbal communication talents and public speaking skills as they relate to biblical principles.

### **Grade Levels**

There are four grade levels in this event: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-12.

You must be in 3rd grade or higher to participate in this event.

### **Process**

- Ensure participants get a current copy of event rules
- Register participants by proper grade level.
  - Speech will be at the same time as Sermon Delivery, so a male participant in grades 9-12 must choose between the two events.

### **Rules**

There will be separate divisions for boys and girls. Girls may request a female only audience.

- Each speech should be related to the current year's theme or a passage from the current book(s) of study.
- However, students in grades three through six may choose to speak about a Bible character as the topic of their speech.
- Speeches should be three to six minutes in length.
- A parent's or coach's involvement in developing the speech will differ as participants grow and develop. It is permissible for parents or coaches to assist younger participants (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades). However, it is expected that participants will be heavily involved. By seventh grade, the work should primarily be that of the participants. By ninth grade, all work should be researched and written by the participant.
- This event is not a dramatic interpretation. Props will *not be allowed*. Any article, either carried or worn, that is referenced in the speech will be considered a prop. The Bible is not a prop.
- Note cards and/or notes on an electronic tablet will be allowed. Consideration will be given to participants who demonstrate thorough preparation by memorizing their material.
- Another speaker may not repeat a speech.
- Any video or audio equipment to record the participant must be set up prior to the event and must be stationary.
- Each speaker should be in the proper room 10 minutes before the event begins.
- Spectators may enter or exit the room at designated times between performances.
- All participants will be pre-registered by their churches, and placed in a specific room. If a participant's name is not on the list or other changes need to be made, see the event coordinator for resolution.

### **Awards**

There are three ratings available in each grade level – Gold, Silver or Bronze.