

# Motivational Speaking

**Description:** *This platform speech is intended to motivate or inspire the listener. This is not a persuasive speech, but a stirring one with a message intended to uplift an audience. A single prop may be used as an object lesson or to illustrate a point.*

**Goal:** *To develop an encouraging speech that will inspire the listener. This style of speech is a practical medium that agrees with Stoa's mission to train up youth to be speakers who will have an impact on our world for Christ.*

## Motivational Speaking Preparation Rules:

1. The competitor may prepare a speech on any topic.
2. The purpose of the speech is to motivate or inspire the audience.
3. The speech must be an original work, written by the competitor. The speech is scripted but minor adaptations can be made to connect with audience at the time of delivery.
4. A speech may be used in multiple leagues during any given competitive season, but if the competitor uses a speech topic in any competition in any venue, that competitor may not reuse it in subsequent years of competition. Competitors may appeal in special situations.
5. The speech may be entered in only one category per tournament. The competitor may place the speech in a different category in subsequent tournaments.
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7. The competitor must submit a typewritten hard copy of his speech and a Citation page (see Platform Script Preparation Instructions) along with the completed Platform Speech Script Submission Forms at tournament registration.
8. Direct quotes, or a copyrighted image used as a prop, must also be cited on the final Citation Page.
9. A maximum of 30% of the speech may consist of quoted material.

## Motivational Speaking Presentation Rules:

1. All direct quotations and primary sources must be cited verbally within the body of the speech. Use of another person's words or ideas without crediting them is plagiarism and is strictly forbidden.
2. No written scripts or notes may be referred to in competition rounds. The competitor will receive a two (2) rank penalty for use of a written script or notes in competition.
3. The use of one prop is allowed.
4. Use of weapons, explosives, or incendiary devices is strictly prohibited.
5. Gratuitous vulgarity is strictly prohibited.
6. Nothing may be distributed or offered to the judges or audience members.
7. People and live animals may not be used as aids in the speech.
8. The timekeeper will start the digital timepiece when the competitor begins and will stop the digital timepiece when the competitor finishes. No hand signals will be given.
9. Maximum speaking time is eight (8) minutes.

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