

## CCA Judge Instructions – *Extemporaneous Apologetics*

### Description of Event

The competitor is given five minutes to prepare a maximum 5-minute conversational presentation responding to a question or statement about a topic on faith or doctrine. 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. It is required that the competitor share at least one Bible verse in responding to the question/statement. ***Before the timer starts for each speech, 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 competitor 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 competitor should 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 use scripture as part of their researched defense. The competitor should use biblical truth with outside sources, reason, logic, and sound argumentation to remove, if possible, barriers to believing in the Christian faith. The competitor should speak in a conversational tone as if speaking to a friend or an acquaintance. A formal speech, as found in other Limited Prep categories, is not appropriate here. A gospel presentation may or may not fit the topic, but the competitor should very clearly address the statement or answer the question given. In responding, the competitor should display an understanding of the topic, its importance and impacts, an understanding of the Bible as it relates to that topic, and be able to communicate those truths in a well thought out manner that encourages the listener to respond in some way. Competitors are strongly encouraged to quote additional authors to provide added clarity to the topic as well as personal experience or witness, though it is not a rank violation.

### 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

### Master Ballot Instructions

1. On the Master Ballot (the top page of the ballot pack), fill in the original rank of each competitor next to their name in the Rank column.
2. *To figure the original rank, give the student with the highest number of points, 1st place; the second highest number of points, 2nd place; and so on. It is possible to have a tie in points between students on individual ballots, however, the tie MUST be broken when figuring the rank.*
3. In the Violation(s) box, write the name of each student who had one or more violations. Write the total number of violations next to his/her name.
4. Circle the final rank on the top three individual ballots ONLY if there were NO violations for all competitors in the round. Do not circle any ranks if the round included any violations. Proceed to ballot check for review of your ballots. Ballot check staff will apply violations and final ranks.