

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO ESCORTS**

Escorts for contestants are appointed by the Chairman, and their duties are as follows:

### **PREPARED ORATION**

1. All Contestants will be kept in a room off stage where they cannot hear the other orations.
2. Contestant Number 1 will be immediately brought to the platform for delivery of his/her prepared oration, following which he/she is returned to the room.
3. Each succeeding contestant in turn is to be brought to the platform and returned in like manner until all prepared orations have been delivered.

### **ASSIGNED TOPIC**

1. Contestants will speak on the assigned topic in the same order as for their prepared oration.
2. Just before the last prepared oration, the Chairman will draw to select the Article or Amendment on which all contestants are to base their assigned topic. The Chairman will make note of the topic drawn for announcement to the judges at the appropriate time, and will allow contestant #1 five (5) minutes in which to prepare the assigned topic.

While preparing their assigned talk, contestants may not consult with any person, text or notes. They may use pencil and paper to outline their discussion, but may not refer to these notes while speaking. After speaking, the contestant should be kept away from any contestant who has yet to give an assigned talk.

3. Each succeeding contestant in turn has 5 minutes of privacy, after being informed of the assigned topic in the manner provided for contestant number 1.

Timing of the assigned topic is important so that contestants are ready to speak when it is their turn.

When all orations have been delivered, the contestants return to the auditorium and remain on the platform for the rest of the program.



Judge Duane Benton, Chairman  
Department Oratorical Commission