

**CPF NATIONAL FINAL IMPROMPTU CONTEST 2019 –
RULES OF ENTRY**

1. All students compete in the same category. (The jury will be aware of and keep in mind the students' proficiency level category placement at the Branch competition.)
2. Students choose their topic on site on the day of competition. Therefore, speeches must not be anything previously presented by themselves or by any other person.
3. Speaking topics are pre-selected. Once students choose a topic card, they may choose to exchange it only once for another topic. Preparation time is limited to 15 minutes. Dictionaries are available in the preparation room.
4. It is permitted to write five key points on one cue card. The monitoring volunteer will verify that only five key points are written on the cue card prior to a student's presentation.
5. Students present before a panel of 3 impartial judges. Students will speak for 2-4 minutes. The time is clocked from when the students begin to speak. Students will be asked 2 questions related directly to their presentation by the jury.
6. Students are judged according to presentation, vocal expression, coherence of speech, language and formulation of answers to questions.
7. Students are penalized if time allotments are not respected (over or under, 2-4 minutes) – one point penalty for 1-30 seconds, two point penalty for 31-60 seconds, etc. A speech written in its entirety is not allowed in any form.
8. Students must not identify themselves in any way: by name, school, school board, city/township, province/territory or by wearing a school identifying uniform, under penalty of disqualification.
9. The use of display materials, costumes (including school uniforms), props or a microphone are not allowed under penalty of disqualification.
10. Gestures are to be kept to a minimum, kept natural and spontaneous rather than dramatic.
11. The use of a lectern is optional.
12. Prizes are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Participants must be Canadian citizens or permanent residents in order to qualify for winning scholarships.