



# SPEECH CONTEST TIME RECORD SHEET AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR TIMERS

Contestant	Presentation Time	
	Minutes	Seconds

Two timers record the time of each contestant's speech. One timer is provided with a stopwatch and the other with a signaling device that displays green, yellow and red colours.

Timers shall provide warning signals to the contestants, which shall be clearly visible to the speakers but not obvious to the audience. Any visually impaired contestant is permitted to request and must be granted a form of warning signal of her own choosing, in which case the contestant must provide the device or specific instruction.

All speeches delivered by contestants must conform to the timing guidelines for the contest.

**Prepared Open Speeches** shall be from five to seven minutes. A green signal/bell will be displayed/sounded at five minutes. A yellow signal/bell will be displayed/sounded at six minutes. A red signal/bell will be displayed/sounded at seven minutes. When a signal is used, it remains displayed until changed; the red signal stays on until the conclusion of the speech.

**Prepared Novice Speeches** shall be from three to five minutes. A green signal/bell will be displayed/sounded at three minutes. A yellow signal/bell will be displayed/sounded at four minutes. A red signal/bell will be displayed/sounded at five minutes. When a signal is used, it remains displayed until changed; the red signal stays on until the conclusion of the speech.

**Impromptu speeches** shall be from one and a half minutes to two minutes. A contestant will lose half a point for every second under or over the time. The green signal/bell will be displayed at one minute. The yellow signal will be displayed/sounded at one minute 30 seconds. The red signal/bell will be displayed/sounded at two minutes. When a signal is used, it remains displayed until changed; the red signal stays on until the speech is concluded.