

**CALIFORNIA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSOCIATION**

**ORIGINAL PROSE/POETRY**

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Quoted Words: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Selection: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Personalities Cited: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripts for all prepared individual events with appropriate cover sheets shall be sent to the League President by certified mail or hand-delivered at least ten days prior to any State Qualifying Tournament. The League President shall notify a coach of any rule violations. Any corrections necessary for a script to be legal for State Tournament competition must be delivered to the League President prior to the first round of the State Qualifying Tournament in order for a student to compete.

Scripts and cover sheets are due to the League President on \_\_\_\_\_.

**COACH, STUDENT, AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR must sign below.**

To the best of my knowledge, this speech meets all requirements as outlined in the CHSSA By-Laws and printed on this form. Failure to adhere to these requirements shall result in disqualification of this entry.

SIGNATURE OF COACH: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I approve the materials contained in the attached speech to represent \_\_\_\_\_ HS.

SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the materials contained in the attached speech and approve their use by my son/daughter.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

If signed by only one parent or guardian, such parent or guardian represents that he/she if parent, is either a single parent or is authorized to give permission on behalf of both parents, or, if guardian, is the appointed guardian of the above-named student.

**STUDENT must sign below if MLA style guidelines for internal citations are not followed and/or a "works-cited" page is not attached to the manuscript.**

I hereby certify that this original composition was accomplished without access to or use of any published sources.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT may sign below, but signature is not required:**

I hereby give my permission for the California High School Speech Association to videotape my performance of my speech for educational distribution and to publish my manuscript as part of their curriculum package. I give this permission without expectation of monetary or other compensation at this or any other time.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**(To be filled in by the Area Chairperson and League President.)**

To the best of my knowledge, this speech meets all requirements as outlined in the CHSSA Constitution & ByLaws.

(Signature-\_\_\_\_\_ League President) (Signature-Area \_\_\_ Chairperson)

CHSSA RULES FOR ORIGINAL PROSE/POETRY

## 1. General Rules:

- a. All speeches entered must be the original work of the contestant. All speeches must have been prepared during the current competitive year. Speeches which have been used in tournaments or service club contests in previous years shall be disqualified; this rule applies to a new speech by a speaker based on the same subject used in a previous year or to any subject used for any original speech by the same contestant during the same or previous years.
- b. Time: Speeches shall be no longer than ten minutes; there is no minimum time. Exceeding this time limit by more than 30 seconds shall be penalized by a lowering of one rank. Judges should use discretion if the speaker is forced to exceed this time limit due to audience reaction.
- c. Quotations: No more than 150 words of the speech may be direct quotations from another speech or writing.
- d. Violations of general and/or specific rules, except as noted, shall result in the contestant being ranked no higher than seventh (7th) place in the round(s) in which the violation occurs, and/or being disqualified.
- e. Manuscript Requirements: A double-spaced, typewritten copy of the speech with all quotations underlined must be submitted to the League President prior to the State Qualifying Tournament. The number of quoted words (including a, an, the) must be specified on the CHSSA cover sheet. The manuscript must follow the MLA style guidelines for internal citations and must include a "works-cited" page, or shall include a disclaimer from the student indicating that the composition was accomplished without access to or use of any published sources. Presentations which include impersonations, depictions, or distinctive words or phrases based wholly or in part on the creative work of another, or upon the public persona of any professional performer, living or dead, must include appropriate acknowledgment in the submitted script [either within a "Works Cited" page or a separate "Personalities Cited" page]. In addition, such distinctive words or phrases must be included in the total count of words quoted. The coach, contestant, and a school administrator must sign the CHSSA cover sheet and attach it to the manuscript submitted for qualification for the State Tournament.

## 2. Specific Rules:

- a. Any appropriate subject may be used. The primary purpose of the event is to demonstrate the writing/literary creativity of the contestant. The presentation may consist of prose or poetry or a combination of both. If more than one written selection is presented, the entire presentation may or may not be based on a thematic concept. The subject matter may be serious or humorous.
- b. Aids: Speeches may be delivered from memory; the use of scripts shall be optional. No visual or audio aids shall be permitted in the contest rounds.
- c. No props [the use of something extraneous to the body], or costumes shall be permitted.
- d. Violations of these rules shall result in the contestant being disqualified.

**[Competition judges are never authorized to ignore, modify, or otherwise alter events rules. Any and all questions re interpretation of rules should be addressed to the President & Executive Council of CHSSA.]**