

## **410. Oratorical**

### **410.1 REQUIRED WORK.**

- A. Each competitor will be required to deliver an oration of not less than 5 nor more than 8 minutes duration. At least 75% of the oration, by volume, must be original. Each competitor must supply the judges with three double-spaced, typewritten copies of his oration. The oration must be delivered from memory (one page of outline-type notes or up to five 3 x 5 cards may be used without penalty).

### **410.2 JUDGING.**

- A. Three judges shall be assigned to this competition and the scoring shall be determined by averaging the independent tallies of the judges. The judges may not confer on the scoring until after all competitors have competed and all scores are in.
- B. Judging shall be predicated upon the following eight categories:
  - 1. Voice
  - 2. Physical appearance
  - 3. Speech structure
  - 4. Development
  - 5. Language
  - 6. Manner
  - 7. Speech value
  - 8. Effectiveness
- C. Judges can penalize 9, 13, 17, 21 or 25 penalties in each of these categories.
- D. It is presumed that each competitor begins with 1,000 points and judges score:
  - 1. Excellent 1,000
  - 2. Very Good 800
  - 3. Good 600
  - 4. Fair 400
  - 5. Poor 200