

The new events are Impromptu, Informative Speaking, and After Dinner Speaking. NSDA rules are in place for all events other than After Dinner Dinner Speaking - ADS rules are listed below:

After Dinner Speaking (ADS)

- Subject: The student chooses their own subject and develops an original speech. "Original" means "not copied, reproduced, or translated; a novel, fresh; not borrowed from some other source."
- General Purpose: To entertain.
- Nature:
 - The speech should have an undertone of seriousness.
 - The speech should not be:
 - A series of unrelated jokes.
 - A skit or vaudeville performance.
 - Dependent upon impersonation, although character suggestions and use of dialect in telling jokes or stories are permissible.
 - A speech that is "acted out."
 - Humor must always be in good taste. Offensive humor and material shall not be permitted.
- Length: There is no minimum time limit; the speech shall be no more than 8 minutes in length with 30 seconds of grace allowed. If laughter delays the speaker, the judges should take that into consideration when ranking.
- Preparation and Notes: The speech is prepared in advance and should be delivered from memory. No notes are permitted and no promptings are allowed during the delivery of the speech.
- No props/Display Boards