2025-2026 Speech Form N

REPORT FORM FOR ALLEGATION OF IMPROPER PERFORMANCE

The OSSAA is making a direct response to the concern that speech coaches and parents have regarding profane language, vulgar gestures, obscene scenes, and hate speech.

This form must be filled out in detail with specific words and/or gestures and actions listed and given to the tournament director for review by a protest committee.

CONTEST SITE:				
CONTEST DATE:				
CONTEST DIRECTOR:			Phone #	
Name of the coach/judge/tournamen	nt director/contest m	anager filing report		
SCHOOL:			Phone #	
PRINCIPAL				
ADDRESS:			CITY:	
Name of the coach of accused school	ol:			
SCHOOL:			Phone #	
PRINCIPAL				
ADDRESS:			CITY:	
CIRCLE THE INFRACTION(S) T	HAT ARE CHARG	ED:		
Profane language Vulgar ge	estures	Obscene scenes		Hate speech
List the specific words/actions that	were involved:			
Impartial Coaches who heard the protest:				
		NAME		SCHOOL
		NAME		SCHOOL
ACTION TAKEN:				

Tournament director will mail a copy of this form to the OSSAA with recommendations.

2025-2026 Speech Form N

Procedure for the Report of an Improper Performance Speech and Debate

Material Standards: In selecting material to be used in the contest, the coach and students are challenged to explore literature or material of high quality and are encouraged to prepare selections of literary merit. Selections used by contestants should not offend the moral standards of the communities nor be in poor taste. Coaches should revise or reject all selections which in any way fail to meet these qualifications, as not all material is appropriate for OSSAA contest.

Performance Standards: All performances must be void of profanity, vulgarity, nudity, obscenity, and hate speech. Use of improper performance standards may result I n lowered ranking by the judges and a protest filed with the contest manager.

PROCEDURE

- 1. Judge or Coach completes the form and files the protest with the Contest Manager.
- 2. The Contest Manager will bring together the judge(s), the coach, and an adjudication panel made up of two impartial coaches, and the Contest Manager. After review, the Contest Manager and the two-coach panel will render a decision and the Contest Manager will announce the decision to the coach.
- 3. The completed form will be mailed or faxed to the OSSAA the Monday following the contest by the Contest Manager.
- 4. The OSSAA will establish penalties, if any, after a committee has had imput concerning the issue.

OSSAA RULE ENFORCEMENT

Penalties That May Be Imposed Individual, Coach, Team, School

- 1. **Warning**: Private or Public Reprimand: A private reprimand may be oral or in writing in which the penalties shall be published in the OSSAA Newsletter. The school or individual may continue to compete during this period.
- 2. Probation: Public Reprimand: A public reprimand shall be in writing and the penalty published in the OSSAA Newsletter. A school or individual shall forfeit all rankings and awards earned at the contest. The school or individual may not continue to compete during this period until the school has taken action to show the OSSAA corrective measures have been taken.
- 3. **Suspension**: A school, individual and/or the team shall forfeit all rankings, and awards earned at the contest. The school, individual and/or the team may not participate in OSSAA One-Act Play or Speech and Debate activities, not to exceed one year.