2023 Feb District #7 Am Legion -Oratorical Contest

Recap of Rules for Contest

**District #7 Contest will follow Rules as define by the Legion’s National Organization**

1. **Contestants’ oration must be on some aspect of the Constitution of the United States with the emphasis on the duties & obligations of a citizen to our government.**
2. **A drawing was or will be held to determine the order by which contestants will appear for the prepared oration and or the extemporaneous- assigned topic portion of the contest. . Upon the drawing being completed Contestants will only be referred to as Contestant #1, #2 etc. for the remainder of this Contest.**
3. **All contestants will be taken to a holding area or room with Escorts\ Room Monitor \*\_\_ID them\*\*\_They are here to assist contestants and their needs. They will take contestants to and from presentations and return when completed.**
4. **Contestants shall deliver their presentation in no fewer than 8 minutes and no more than 10 minutes. Speech will start after Chairmen says you may begin and when you start speaking. At the End of speech Contestants are asked to indicate by saying-- Thank YOU , I am DONE or The End - Stop -Speech. etc.**
5. **The official Timekeeper with stopwatch is seated WHERE in front row with timecards 8,9,& 10 and will hold them up when they see 8,9 & 10 minutes for about 5-8 seconds Show how… . Points will be deducted for going over or under 8 or 10 minutes OF prepared oration-& -- 3,4, or 5 For assigned topics.**
6. **Assigned Topics:= Contestants will not be given the assigned Topic W*hen all contestants have given their prepared ORATION, they will be given a copy at that time and the one chosen for presentation. Then after the assigned Topics have been given to all contestants. They are to be given at least 5 minutes to review in holding area before giving their assigned topic presentation.* Again contestants will not be able to bring any notes to presentation.**
7. ***Upon completion of All assigned topic presentations, they will return to holding area. Contestants will be brought back to the presentation area for the results of the Judges by the Tabulator for a short presentation of awards.***
8. **Judges will be seated at different locations throughout seating area**
9. **Notes and prompting are not permitted at District, Department and National contests.**
10. **Reminder that the Contestants and Audience members shall not use any form of electronic/digital data gathering, receiving and/or transmitting equipment during presentations. Special permission may be allowed with District but must be given prior approval if allowed?**
11. **Audience is asked to remain silent during presentations and give no applause upon completion of speech in fairness to all Contestants. Please put your phones on silent vibrant mode or off. If vibrates go to hallway -to answer. Do not answer in this room.**
12. **Assigned Volunteers Judges, Timekeepers, Room monitors and tabulators all should have received their information and assignments.**

**Any Questions from Contestant-- If none ----**

**Room Monitors & Escorts Please escort all Contestants to the holding room.**

**Volunteers—Questions???? When complete bring in Contestant #1**