## Judge "Cheat Sheet" Speech Events

These boxes are designed to provide a basic guideline to the criteria that can be used for judging Individual Events. More detailed information regarding regulations, etc. can be obtained from the Tab Staff.

## Informative Speaking (INF)

Students write, memorize and deliver a speech they wrote themselves

#### Regulations:

- Time violations cannot place first.
- Those using notes must rank last in the round.
- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- No scripts/notes
- Students may use visual aids that contribute to the speech.
- Visual aids may not require the use of electronic equipment or banned materials.

#### Content:

- Organized, flows, easy-to-follow
- Clear message
- Entertaining
- Good composition

#### Delivery:

- Eye contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

### Original Oratory (OO)

Students write, memorize and deliver a speech they wrote themselves.

#### Regulations:

- Time violations cannot place first.
- Those using notes must rank last in the round.
- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- No scripts/notes

#### Content:

- Organized, flows, easy-to-follow
- Clear message
- Entertaining
- Good composition

#### Delivery:

- Eye contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

### **Declamation** (DEC)

Students memorize and perform a speech written and previously delivered (published) by someone else.

#### Regulations:

- Time violations cannot place first.
- Those using notes must rank last in the round.
- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- No scripts/notes

#### Content:

- Entertaining
- Speech choice appropriate for competition

#### Delivery:

- Eye contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

#### In ALL Speech Events:

- Please make detailed positive & negative comments on each ballot.
- Rank students 1st place to last
- Issue speaker points, 90 to 100 (highest points to 1st)

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### Dramatic Performance (DP)

Students memorize and perform a published scene portraying either single or multiple characters.

#### Regulations:

- Time violations cannot place first.
- Those using notes must rank last in the round.
- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- No scripts/notes

#### Content:

- Entertaining
- Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition

#### Delivery:

- Characters clearly defined and differentiated
- Eve contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

### **Duo Interpretation** (DUO)

Two students as a team memorize and perform a published scene portraying either single or multiple characters

#### Regulations:

- Time violations cannot place first.
- Those using notes must rank last in the round.
- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- No scripts/notes
- Students do not touch or have eye contact except for during introduction

#### Content:

- Entertaining
- Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition

#### **Delivery**:

- Characters clearly defined and differentiated
- Eye contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

## Program Oral Interpretation (OI)

Students deliver dramatic readings of performance that can include some combination of poetry, prose, and drama.

#### Regulations:

- Time violations cannot place first.
- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- Maintains impression of reading from script
- Student may not step away from performance spot

#### Content:

- Entertaining
- Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition

#### **Delivery**:

- Characters clearly defined and differentiated
- Eve contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

## Judge "Cheat Sheet" Debate Events

#### **Student Congress (CON)**

Contestants in Student Congress become legislators charged with the task of fulfilling the responsibilities of the US legislative branch of the federal government.

#### Regulations:

- Student speeches are up to 3 minutes (PO will announce speech times)
- Legislation authors have 2 minutes mandatory questioning period
- Students may not have visual aids
- Speech should be on appropriate topic/side

#### Content:

- Focused on topic
- Organized
- Factual accuracy
- Good composition
- References

#### **Delivery**:

- Eye Contact
- Confidence
- Appropriate/Professional tone

#### Scoring

- Every speech receives a score-points range from 1 (poor) to 6 (excellent).
- Presiding Officers (PO's) Should be scored once every hour they preside (in lieu of giving speeches)
- Rank each competitor at the end frost 1st (best) to 8th. Every student ranked after 8th gets ranked 9th.

#### Tip:

You should maintain some record for yourself as to who your top three speakers are at any given time.

#### **Public Forum (PFD)**

Team event that advocates or rejects a position posed by the resolution below.

#### Regulations:

- Coin toss determines the organization of the round. Winner selects either pro/con OR speaking order. Follow the ballot if sides are set.
- Students should adhere to timing schedule on ballot (2 minutes prep time)

#### Content:

- Focused on topic
- Arguments organized
- Factual accuracy
- Point of view supported
- References
- Support is germane to topic
- Countered arguments presented by opposing team

#### Delivery:

- Confidence
- Appropriate/Professional tone

Scoring guide for each debater is detailed on the ballot. Please make sure your comments justify your judging decision (win/loss) and your point score is reflective of your decision.

Speaker Points Max: <=30 (higher to winner) or follow ballot instructions, if different.

#### **Current Issue:**

January: "Resolved: The People's Republic of China should substantially reduce its international extraction of natural resources."

#### Lincoln/Douglas (LD)

Each debater will try to show why their position supports the more important fundamental principles inherent in their position and why that position is superior to the opponent's.

#### Regulations:

• Students should adhere to timing schedule on ballot (3 minutes prep time)

#### Content:

- Focused on topic
- Arguments organized
- Factual accuracy
- Point of view supported
- References
- Support is germane to topic
- Countered arguments presented by opposing team

#### Delivery:

- Confidence
- Appropriate/Professional tone

Please make sure your comments justify your judging decision (win/loss) and your point score is reflective of your decision.

Speaker Point Max: <=30 (higher to winner) or follow ballot instructions, if different.

#### **Current Issue:**

Jan/Feb: "Resolved: The possession of nuclear weapons is immoral."

# Judge "Cheat Sheet" Limited Prep Speech Events

#### **Impromptu Speaking (IMP)**

Students are given 7 minutes to select a topic, brainstorm ideas, outline a speech, and deliver their speech.

#### Regulations:

- The speaker draws 3 prompts and chooses 1 for their speech topic.
- Students put the 2 prompts they did not choose back in the envelope.
- Students have a **TOTAL of 7 minutes** to select a topic, brainstorm ideas, outline a speech, and deliver their speech.
- Students may write to plan their speech but **notes are not** allowed when speaking.
- Students who use notes to speak must be ranked last.
- All students should be in the room during the round. Please do not have any students wait outside.

#### Content:

- Focused on topic
- Organized
- Point of view supported

#### Delivery:

- Eve Contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

#### **Extemporaneous Speaking (EXT)**

Students are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech on a given topic.

#### Regulations:

- In the prep room students **draw 3 prompts and <u>choose 1</u>** for their speech.
- Students put the 2 prompts they did not choose back in the envelope.
- Time violations cannot place first.
- No notes allowed. Those using notes must rank last in the round.
- Time: Students have 5 to 7 minutes to deliver a speech.
- Students join the room one at a time. They can stay once they deliver their speech but should not enter the room before their turn to speak.

#### Content:

- Factually accurate
- Organized
- Focused on the topic
- Point of view supported
- Research referenced

#### Delivery:

- Eye Contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

#### In BOTH Prep Events

- Please make detailed positive & negative comments on each ballot.
- Rank students 1st place to last
- Issue speaker points, 90 to 100 (highest points to 1st)

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