



Extemporaneous Speaking

Judge code: _____

Room: _____

Description of the event: The students will draw three topics of current interest from the material prepared by the tournament director. Usually topics are based on articles taken from recent issues of publications from major media outlets. The student must pick one of the three topics to prepare for a presentation. The students will have a 30 minute preparation period during which personal information files of books, magazines, and/or newspapers may be used to put together the presentation. After the preparation period, the student should deliver a speech to be evaluated for content and delivery. A single note-card with no more than 50 written words is permitted. If a note-card is to be used, the judge must review it prior to the presentation. Any note-card violation should be brought to the attention of the prep room coordinator prior to the speech; or, the student may choose to proceed without the use of the note-card. The topic slip must be presented to the judge in the round. No visual aids are allowed. Students in Extemporaneous Speaking are responsible for the accuracy of citations of evidence. Students must cite facts and analysis from source material accurately and in keeping with the author's intent. Judges may request to see original copies of the sources cited, and bring discrepancies to the attention of the tournament director.

Time: 7 minute maximum (30 second grace); no minimum

Standards for Judging:

- Does the student speak with poise/confidence and with appropriate skills?
- Does the speaker exhibit an understanding of the subject and remain on topic?
- Is there evidence/sourcing, organization, and structure?
- Is the information pertinent and up to date?
- Does the speaker answer the question concretely and convincingly?

Comments: (Include praiseworthy aspects as well as areas in need of improvement)

Title _____ Speaker Code: _____

Round: I II III Semi-Finals Finals Time elapsed: _____

Please rank the speaker in relation to the rest of the round, 1 being the highest (no ties): _____

Please rate the speaker according to the following scale (please avoid ties in rating): _____

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| 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 | 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 | 97 | 98 | 99 | 100 |
| poor | | | | | fair | | | | | good | | | | | excellent | | | | | superior | | | | |

Judge's Signature _____ School _____