



Novice Reading

Judge code: _____

Room: _____

Description of the event: This event is limited to first year forensic competitors ONLY and requires the use of a manuscript. The student will present material either from prose, poetry, or drama. Children’s literature is acceptable in this category. The student may use vocal skills, facial expressions, and/or hand gestures to develop a narrator and character/s. The presentation should include an introduction that cites the name of the piece and the author. The selection must be from a single published play, a fictional or non-fictional work, or a poem. Material from more than one source is not allowed. The author’s words as published in the literature may not be altered for this presentation with the exception that cutting is permitted. No costumes or props may be used in the presentation.

Time: 10 minute maximum, including introduction (30 second grace); no minimum

Standards for Judging:

- Are the characters/voices clearly defined and understandable?
- Is the intent of the author and the integrity of the text respected?
- Is the manuscript used effectively and naturally?
- Is there adequate eye contact?
- Does the literature come alive in a realistic way as a result of the performance?
- Does the performer adequately setup and portray the mood, setting, and plot or theme?
- Is the presentation complete (beginning, middle, end)?

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): _____

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 _____