



Highschool Speech Contest Scoring Rubric

STUDENT NAME:				JUDGE'S INITIALS:		
				SPEECH DATE:		
Indicators	Strong evidence indicators are present 5-4	Moderate evidence indicators are present 3-2	Little evidence indicators are present 1-0	Points Earned	Weight	Total Score
Oral Communication						
Examples	Examples are vivid, precise and clearly explained. Examples are original, logical, and relevant.	Examples are usually concrete, sometimes need clarification. Examples are effective but need more originality or thought.	Examples are abstract or not clearly defined. Examples are sometimes confusing, leaving the listeners with questions.		X5	25 Max
Tone	Appropriate tone is consistent. Speaks at the right pace to be clear, Pronunciation of words is very clear and apparent.	Appropriate tone is usually consistent. Speaks at the right pace most of the time but shows some nervousness. Pronunciation of words is usually clear, sometimes vague.	Has difficulty using an appropriate tone. Pace is too fast; nervous. Pronunciation of words is difficult to understand; unclear.		X5	25 Max
Command of Audience	Speaker uses power of presentation to engage and captivate the audience with the message of speech.	Speaker presents speech as mere repeating of facts and speech comes across as a report.	Speaker lacks enthusiasm and power to deliver the speech.		X5	25 Max
Non-Verbal Communication						
Attention	Eye contact consistently used as an effective connection. Consistently looks at the audience.	Eye contact is mostly effective and consistent.	Eye contact does not always allow connection with the speaker.		X5	25 Max
Mannerisms and Gestures	Does not have distracting mannerisms that affect effectiveness. Gestures are purposeful and effective.	Sometimes has distracting mannerisms that pull from the presentation. Usually uses purposeful gestures.	Have mannerisms that pull from effectiveness of the presentation. Occasionally gestures are used effectively.		X5	25 Max
Poise	Speaker is extremely well poised. Poised and in control at all times.	Usually is well-poised. Poised and in control most of the time; rarely loses composure.	Isn't always well-poised. Sometimes seems to lose composure.		X5	25 Max

Speech Content						
Demonstrates Knowledge of Topic	Speech shows thorough knowledge of the speech topic. Supports with strong evidence.	Speech shows some knowledge of the subject. Some evidence but lacking in strength.	Speech shows little knowledge of the subject. Evidence is lacking to support the topic.			X10 50 Max
Detail Oriented	Is able to stay fully detail oriented. Always provides details which support topic.	Is mostly good at being detail oriented. Usually provides details which are supportive of topic.	Has difficulty being detail oriented. Little or no detail support is provided.			X10 50 Max
Gross Total Points						250 Max
Time Deduction (5 points per 30 seconds over/under time)						
Net Total Points						
Rank						