# 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. In more detailed information regarding regulations, etc. can be obtained from the Tab Staff.

# Extemporaneous Speaking (EX)

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

### Regulations:

- Time violations cannot place first.
- Those using notes must rank last in the round.
- Time: up to 7 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- No notes

# Content:

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

# 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 timekeeping device)
- No scripts/notes

# Content:

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

### Delivery:

- Eve 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 timekeeping device)
- No scripts/notes

# Content:

- Engaging
- Speech choice appropriate for competition

#### Delivery:

- Eye contact
- Volume
- Speaking rate
- Confidence

# 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 timekeeping device)
- No scripts/notes

#### Content:

- Engaging
- Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition
- Pieces may be serious or humorous (DI/HI)

# Delivery:

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

# **Duo Interpretation** (DUO)

Two students as 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 timekeeping device)
- No scripts/notes
- Students do not touch or have eye contact except for during introduction

## Content:

- Engaging
- Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition

# Delivery:

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

# Oral Interpretation (OI)

Students deliver dramatic readings of published poetry or prose in alternating rounds.

### Regulations:

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

#### Content:

- Engaging
- Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition

# <u>Delivery:</u>

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

# **In ALL Speech Events:**

Please make detailed positive & negative comments on each ballot. Rank students 1<sup>st</sup> place to last Issue speaker points, 80 to 100 (highest points to 1<sup>st</sup>)

DISCLOSURE of RESULTS and/or CRITIQUE of ANY round is PROHIBITED.

# Judge "Cheat Sheet" Speech/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 and first Negative speakers 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

### Score every speech—

points range from 1 (poor) to 6 (excellent). Please make detailed positive and negative comments on each student ballot.

# 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:**

- Follow ballot as sides are set. Coin flip for sides may occur in final rounds.
- 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

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.

# 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 (4 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.

# Policy Debate (TD/CX)

2020-2021

**Topic** 

Resolved: The United States federal

government

should enact

criminal justice

reform in the

United States in

one or more of the following:

forensic

science,

policing,

sentencing.

# **Current Topic: February 2021**

Resolved: On balance, the benefits of urbanization in West Africa outweigh the harms.

**Disclosure of Judge Decision and/or** 

# **Current Topic: Jan-Feb 2021**

Resolved: States ought to ban lethal autonomous weapons.

critique of any round is prohibited