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:

- Eve 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
- Eye 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

Delivery:

- 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 1st place to last Issue speaker points, 80 to 100 (highest points to 1st)

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:

- Eve 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)

2021-2022

Topic

Resolved:
The United
States federal
government
should
substantially
increase its
protection of
water
resources in
the United
States.

Current Topic: Sept - Oct 2021

Resolved: The North Atlantic Treaty
Organization should substantially increase
its defense commitments to the Baltic
states.

Disclosure of Judge Decision and/or

Current Topic: Sept – Oct 2021

Resolved: The member nations of the World Trade Organization ought to reduce intellectual property protections for medicines.

Critique of any round is prohibited