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.

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| **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: 5 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

**In ALL Speech Events:**Please make detailed positive & negative comments on each ballot. Rank students 1st place to lastIssue speaker points, 80 to 100 (highest points to 1st) **DISCLOSURE of RESULTS and/or CRITIQUE of ANY round is PROHIBITED.** | **Original Oratory** **(OO)**Students write, memorize and deliver his 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 stopwatch)
* No scripts/notes

Content: * Organized, flows, easy-to-follow
* Clear message
* Entertaining
* Good composition

Delivery:* Eye 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 stopwatch)
* No scripts/notes

Content: * Entertaining
* 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 stopwatch)
* No scripts/notes

Content: * Entertaining
* Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition

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 stopwatch)
* No scripts/notes
* Students do not touch or have eye contact except for during introduction

Content: * Entertaining
* 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 stopwatch)
* Maintains impression of reading from script
* Student may not step away from performance spot

Content: * Entertaining
* Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition

Delivery:* Characters cleared to find and differentiated
* Eye contact
* Volume
* Speaking rate
* Confidence
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Judge “Cheat Sheet" Debate Events

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| **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 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 ballot– points range from 1 (poor) to 6 (excellent). Please make detailed positive and negative comments on each student ballot.  | **Public Forum (PFD)**Team event that advocates or rejects a position posed by the resolution below.Regulations: * Coin toss determines the organization of the round. Winner selects either pro/con OR speaking order. *Follow ballot if sides set.*
* Students should adhere to timing schedule on ballot (2 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 (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

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. |
| Tip:You should maintain some record for yourself as to who your top three speakers are at any given time.  | **Current Issue:****Sept/Oct: In United States public K-12 schools, the probable cause standard ought to apply to searches of students.** | **Current Issue:****Sept/Oct: Countries ought to prohibit the production of nuclear power.** |

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