



JUDGE WORKSHEET

Original Advocacy

Judge: _____

Room: _____ Round: _____

Description of Event

Original Advocacy is a public address speech event in which the competitor advocates support, change or action. Competitors are striving to influence outcomes on an issue of concern that directly affects people's current lives, and may address the topic from the perspective of Biblical truth, if applicable. The speaker seeks to draw others alongside his/her position in a winsome rather than confrontational manner.

Guidelines

- Time limit is 10 minutes; overtime grace period of 15 seconds; no minimum time.
- The participant should provide analysis of the issue, logical reasoning, and either quote or summarize evidence as support for the opinions s/he presents.
- Each speech must be unique, original and memorized.
- Competitors must cite all sources of quotations and references.
- The use of vocal variety and hand gestures is encouraged.
- Physical movement and taking steps is allowed, although the speech presentation must be confined to the front and center of the presentation space.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor.
- No props, costumes, or audiovisuals may be used.
- No vulgarity, crude humor or distasteful comments are allowed.
- Note that students may express opinions that are contrary to those of the judge. Your judging decisions should be based on the criteria on the ballot rather than on a shared viewpoint.
- VIOLATIONS:
 - Use of script requires a 1-rank penalty.
 - Exceeding the time limit (starting at 10 min. 16 sec.) requires a 1-rank penalty.

Judge Worksheet Instructions

1. Record the topic of each speaker as they present.
2. When finished, rank speakers by the point totals from the ballots; speakers can have the same point values but must be ranked. (For example, two speakers have 26 points---choose a 1st and 2nd rank). 1st place is noted by "1", 2nd place "2", etc. Place these rankings in column 1.
3. Record violations, if any (see above), in column 2. If no violations occur, go to step 5.
4. Add columns 1 and 2 and record in column 3, if applicable.
5. In column 4, record the final rank. There can be no ties in rankings so break ties, if any, from column 3 by advancing the participant with no or fewer violations. (For example, if two are tied for 3rd place, advance the speaker with no violations to 3rd place and the other speaker *with a violation* to 4th place.)
6. IMPORTANT step: after filling out column 4, **go back to the ballots** and circle the final rank that each speaker was awarded based upon this worksheet.

Name of speaker (in planned order)	Topic of speech	Column 1: Original rank	Column 2: Violations, if any	Column 3: Add columns 1 & 2	Column 4: Final Rank Break any ties

