Description of Event
Junior Varsity Duo is an interpretive presentation by two participants of a selection of literature from the genre of dramatic scripts (stage plays only, no movie, radio, or television scripts), or prose (literature in paragraph form) or poetry. Consideration will be given to the literary merit of the selection. Each presenter may present one or more characters which should be sufficiently developed and should interact meaningfully with the other characters.

Guidelines
· Time limit is 8 minutes; no minimum time; grace period of 15 seconds.
· The selection is from drama, prose or poetry, and may be serious, humorous or both.
· Memorization is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting are allowed.
• Care must be taken to accurately portray the author's intent.
· The presenters may present one or more characters.
· Dancing is prohibited; only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
· Movements are confined to center stage.
· Participants are to maintain off-stage focus while in character but may make eye contact with the audience during any introductory words or narration sections.
· Participants are not allowed to make eye contact nor physical contact with each other.
· Very brief singing that is suggested by or included in the literature may be utilized.
· No props, costumes, or audiovisuals may be used.
· This is an interpretation and NOT a theatrical performance.
• Humor and satire must be driven by the author's words.
· A piece that is deemed unsuitable or offensive should be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director.
· VIOLATIONS:
  ➤ Failure to cite the title and author results in a 1-rank penalty.
  ➤ Exceeding the time limit results in a 1-rank penalty.

Judge Worksheet Instructions
1. Record the topic of each speaker as they present.
2. After they are finished, rank speakers by the point totals from the ballots. (1st place is noted by "1", 2nd place "2", etc.) Place these rankings in column 1. There can be no ties in rankings.
3. Record violations, if any (see above), in column 2. If no violations occur, go to step 4.
4. Add columns 1 and 2 and record in column 3, if applicable.
5. In column 4, record the final rank. Break ties 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