



JUDGE WORKSHEET

Motivational Speaking

Judge: _____

Room: _____ Round: _____

Description of Event

Motivational Speaking is a public address speech event in which the competitor writes and presents a speech that is intended to motivate or inspire the listener. This is not a persuasive speech, but a stirring one with a message intended to uplift an audience. A single prop may be used as an object lesson or to illustrate a point.

Guidelines

- Time limit is 10 minutes; overtime grace period of 15 seconds; no minimum time.
- The primary purpose is to inspire or motivate.
- 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.
- A single prop may be used as an object lesson or to illustrate a point.
- 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

