



# 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rank). 1<sup>st</sup> place is noted by "1", 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> place, advance the speaker with no violations to 3<sup>rd</sup> place and the other speaker *with a violation* to 4<sup>th</sup> 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

