



# JUDGE WORKSHEET

## Mars Hill Impromptu

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_

Room: \_\_\_\_\_ Round: \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Event

Mars Hill Impromptu is a limited preparation event. The competitor uses books, movies, or other genre to discuss the appeal and impact of the theme(s) within the topic, holding them up in light of Christian truth found in the Bible. This speech is intended to be for a non-believing audience. As such:

- There should be a minimal amount of religious terminology.
- Familiarity with the scriptures should not be assumed. Religious concepts and biblical illustrations should be fully explained in every-day, conversational language.
- The speech should gradually shift from talking about the cultural topic towards a discussion of the spiritual truths, recognizing the likelihood of some skepticism on the part of the audience and therefore wanting to build a rapport with the audience prior to introducing the possibly controversial religious themes.

### Guidelines

- Time limit is 6 minutes: no minimum time. Preparation time is 4 min.
- The participant may take only one blank 3 X 5 index card and a binder of notes into the room. Only the 3 X 5 card may be used during the presentation.
- The presentation must be confined to the front and center of the presentation space.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor.
- No vulgarity, crude humor or distasteful comments are allowed.
- The participant will be penalized for going over the time, beyond finishing a sentence.
- Note that participants 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:
  - Exceeding the time limit (6 min.) 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

