



Texas Forensic Association

Duet Acting Ballot

Contestant's Name: _____ School Code: _____

Round: _____ Section: _____ Speaker Number: _____

Topic: _____ Time: _____

Judge's Instructions:

Evaluate the speaker using the following *Criteria*. Please offer justification for the ranking in the round and provide constructive suggestions to improve the student's skills.

Criteria for Evaluation

Choice of Material: Is the selection appropriate to the contestants? Does it possess interest, intelligibility, and merit?

Introduction: Are the title and author clearly stated? Is interest in the scene created? Is the mood set? Is the information relevant to and sufficient for the scene?

Insight and Understanding: Do the performers appear to have insight into the mood and meaning of the scene? Are they faithful to the author's intent?

Characterizations: Do the performers establish believable characters? Are they consistent with the mood of the scene? Are bodily actions attuned to the characters portrayed?

Voice and Diction: Is pronunciation acceptable? Is enunciation distinct without being pedantic? Are rate, pitch, and volume appropriate? Are the performers' voices clear, resonant, and pleasant? Is vocal variety sufficient?

Movement and Strategy: Is the acting area used effectively? Is the blocking well attuned to the content of the scene? Are a variety of levels employed?

Ensemble: Is the scene shared equally? Do the performers act, react, interact, and respond to the motivation of the scene? Is the team a unit?

Overall Effectiveness: Is the total effect of the scene pleasing? Did the performers hold the audience's interest? Is the intent of the selection clearly communicated?

Judge's Remarks

Rank the speaker. Circle one (1st being best, etc.)

1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th

Judge's Signature _____

Affiliation _____