



# Texas Forensic Association

## Impromptu Speaking 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

**Analysis and Content:** Did the speaker analyze the topic adequately? Did the content show that the speaker has adequate knowledge of the subject? Was the content relevant to the topic?

**Introduction:** Did the speaker get your attention and introduce the subject in an interesting manner? Did it relate to the rest of the speech?

**Organization:** Were the ideas carefully selected and set forth in the speech?

**Supporting Materials:** Did the speaker have adequate support for his/her assertions? Was the evidence pertinent and logically set forth?

**Style:** Did the speaker exhibit command of informal conversational style, rather than stilted or formal usage? Was the language communicative rather than "memorized?"

**Oral Presentation:** Was the speaker's speech devoid of dialectical errors, mannerisms, etc. that call attention to themselves rather than communicate the ideas presented? Did the speaker's bodily action contribute to his/her skill of communication?

### Judge's Remarks

Rank the speaker. Circle one (1<sup>st</sup> being best, etc.)

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Judge's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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