



Judges' Information Sheet

Thank you for consenting to be a judge at our speech contest.

Our organization aims for the enhancement of good communication skills.

We do not try to create a 'perfect' speaker, but strive to help each member to communicate effectively.

The speech contest provides an opportunity to demonstrate a member's skill in oral communication by using good speech construction and delivery techniques.

As judge you will listen for good construction and organization of the speech, grammar, creativity, and overall effectiveness, as well as good eye contact and stage presence.

Speech :

Three weeks prior to the club level contest, all speakers were given the three same subjects from which to select one subject to prepare a speech. New subjects are not given at any other level.

At upper levels, the contestant may make the same speech, its modified one or a new speech by using one of the other subjects provided at the club level.

Speeches must be original, with credit given when any portion of printed or published material is used.

Speech content shall not contain strong reference to political or religious bias, nor be in the form of a narrative story.

Time limits :

Speeches at all levels shall be a minimum of five and a maximum of eight minutes.

A lighted signal will be given to the contestants at five minutes. It will remain on for one minute and then no further signal will be given. The Speaker will be stopped at nine minutes when the timer stands up.

Judging:

Your worksheet shows the point system used to judge these aspects. Judges are required to fill the number of points achieved in each section in two minutes.

Even when you finish all contestants' points, please hold your worksheet without completing the ballot.

At the request of the program leader, fill out your ballot in two minutes.

The tellers gather Judges' ballots and write the names of the winners in the Tellers' Report Form.

In the event of a tie occurring in the points awarded, the order of the winners will be decided through discussion of Judges led by the speech contest chairperson.

The program leader announces the winners.

Judges may retain their worksheets after the contest.

Again we offer our sincere thanks to you for giving your time as judge and for providing your experience for this contest.

If you have any questions concerning the judging procedure, feel free to ask the speech contest chairperson.