

NATIONAL CATHOLIC FORENSIC LEAGUE

Extemporaneous Speaking Critique Sheet

Code: _____ Name: _____ Round: _____ Room: _____ Rank: _____ out of _____

Topic: _____

Judge's Code: _____ Name: _____ School/League: _____

Criteria For Judging:

- Speakers should clearly establish the central theme.
- Speakers should adhere to the question drawn.
- Speakers should demonstrate a knowledge of the topic and logical thought about its implications.
- Organization should be a logical expression of ideas.
- The speech should contain a reasonable amount of supportive data.
- Speakers should exhibit effective use of language in word choice and phrasing.
- Fluency, articulation, enunciation, and vocal quality should enhance communication.
- Speakers should demonstrate vocal variety:
 - Pace or rate should be varied and should aid understanding.
 - The pause should be used to indicate organization and to achieve emphasis.
 - Pitch should be varied.
 - Tone should vary in relation to content.
- When notes are used, they should be used skillfully. One note card with 50 words is allowed.
- Gestures should be poised but enthusiastic.

Rules of Procedure:

1. Topics will concern events within the current semester. Speakers shall bring the printed topic slip to the judge(s) in the round.
2. This presentation should be an original speech developing the issue(s) raised by the selected topic. It should be a synthesis of current facts and opinions on the subject, not a mere listing of current data.
3. The contestants should be held accountable to their strict adherence to the precise statement of the topic selected and should be penalized for any obvious shifting to a different topic.
4. Speakers should present well-chosen, pertinent, and sufficient information to support their central position on the topic.
5. Speakers are permitted their own opinions or interpretations of the subject.
6. Speakers may use one note card containing no more than fifty (50) words.
7. The speech should not exceed seven (7) minutes. Any overtime beyond the thirty-second grace period is excessive. Judges may not award first place to any contestant speaking beyond the thirty-second grace period.

USE THIS SIDE AND THE OTHER SIDE FOR SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS.

BE CERTAIN TO INCLUDE JUSTIFICATION FOR YOUR RANKING.