JUDGING THE
YOUTH SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT

Judges should score each speaker on his own merit rather than "wait to compare". A winner must be chosen, but participants deserve their own grade before the comparison is made. *Remember, there is more than one kind of speech/delivery style. A "preacher" style doesn't necessarily have to win the competition.*

Content/composition and delivery are the two categories used by the judges as a basis for judging the speakers. Participants will be scored on the following 10 areas on a scale of 2 to 10: (2=poor; 10=excellent). Participants will be penalized 2 points per 10 seconds for speeches over or under the time allotment.

CONTENT/COMPOSITION (50%)

1. **Originality/Related to Subject.** Does the speech seem to reflect the participant's own convictions? Does the speech give evidence of original and creative thinking by the participant? Does the speech deal with the subject?
2. **Organization/Logical Sequence.** Is the content arranged in such a way that the audience has no difficulty following the speech? Is the speech designed to develop the content to a climax in an orderly way?
3. **Structure/Grammar.** Does the participant use complete sentences, and are the spoken sentences grammatically correct?
4. **Choice of Resources/Credit for Quotations.** When using resources, do they reflect an adequate understanding of the various facets of the subject and are these resources used in a way that they add strength to the content of the speech? If resources are quoted, does the written speech give proper credit for the material used? Does the delivered speech indicate that the material used is being quoted?
5. **Purpose Accomplished.** Does the body of the speech do what it is intended to do as evidenced by the subject and content?

NOTE: Content/Composition is judged on the **speech** as spoken. The judge may look over the manuscript and mark parts where there are questions or errors. However, CONTENT/COMPOSITION is judged as **spoken** and NOT according to manuscript

DELIVERY (50%)

1. **Delivered Without Notes.** Does the speaker use notes?
2. **Articulate/Expressive Communication.** Does the speaker speak distinctly and clearly? Does the speaker speak with directness and sincerity? Is the speech pleasing, convincing, interesting, and understandable?
3. **Poise/Posture/Confidence.** Does the speaker appear to be composed and at ease? Does the speaker appear to believe in himself and his message?
4. **Personal Appearance.** Is the speaker well-groomed, and is his clothing in good taste?
5. **Within Time Allotment.** Does the speaker stay within the four-to-six minute time allotment? Each speaker will have four-to-six minutes. Speeches shorter or longer will be penalized 2 (two) points per 10 seconds for failure to stay within time allotment. **Maximum 10 points deducted.**

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SCORE SHEET

2 = poor 4 = fair 6 = average 8 = good 10 = excellent

		Participants											
	Judge	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12
Content/Composition	1. Originality/Related to Subject												
	2. Organization/Logical Sequence												
	3. Structure/Grammar												
	4. Resources Chosen/Credit for Quotes												
	5. Purpose Accomplished												
Delivery	1. Delivered Without Notes												
	2. Articulate/Expressive Communication												
	3. Poise/Posture/Confident												
	4. Personal Appearance												
	5. Within Time Allotment												
	TOTALS												