

**EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING BALLOT**

Round \_\_\_\_\_ Contestant Name/Code \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

*General guidelines for judges-*

- The extemporaneous speech is an original synthesis of the speaker of current fact and opinion on designated topic, usually presented with numerous sources. Preparation of the speech occurs half an hour before the round in an extemp prep room.
- The speaker may use gestures. Movement is not restricted.
- Seven minute time limit ONLY if signals provided. Overtime penalty at judges discretion
- Notecards are permitted in preliminary rounds ONLY, and should be taken into consideration when deciding final rankings.

*The following areas for comments are offered to assist the judge in making a well-informed and complete decision.*

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR JUDGES TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS FOR THE COMPETITOR TO ASSIST IN THEIR CONTINUED EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

**Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

CRITERIA	COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Content</i></li> </ul> <p>Does the speaker show insight in regards to the topic? Does the speaker adhere closely to the topic? Is there a balance between fact and opinion in the speech?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Organization</i></li> </ul> <p>Is there an organized, logical expression of ideas? Are transitions smooth and easy to follow?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Analysis</i></li> </ul> <p>Does the speaker demonstrate a knowledge of the topic and logical thought about its implications?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Delivery</i></li> </ul> <p>Do fluency, enunciation and vocal quality enhance communication? Are movements and gestures natural and unobtrusive? Does vocal tone convey the meaning of the speaker?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Please provide additional comments here. You may also use the back of this ballot.</b></li> </ul>	

**Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **place.** Give one 1<sup>st</sup>, one 2<sup>nd</sup>, one 3<sup>rd</sup>, and all remaining speakers 4<sup>th</sup>

Rate: Please assign a Rating, 30-50 points, 50 being the highest score possible. Ratings may tie. \_\_\_\_\_

Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_