

PROSE/POETRY BALLOT

Odd Numbered Rounds – PROSE and Even Numbered Rounds - POETRY

Round _____ Contestant Name/Code _____ Room _____

General rules for judges-

- Presentation shall be **SCRIPTED**. Use of a binder for selection(s) is acceptable, but props or costumes are not allowed.
- Prose selections shall be chosen from short stories, novels, or plays. Prose and poetry must be published in printed form.
- This is to be regarded as a speaking situation. Speaker should remain in a general upright position. Speaker may portray one or several characters.
- Time limit is ten minutes. Overtime should affect score at judge’s discretion.

TITLE AND AUTHOR OR SELECTION THEME _____ TIME _____

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.

CRITERIA	COMMENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction(s) – Selection may have more than one introduction as appropriate.</i> <p>Does the introduction give a title, author and necessary background for understanding the selection? Does it establish a mood that leads naturally into the interpretation?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Characterization/Interpretation</i> <p>Is the character/are the characters easy to identify and consistently presented? With poetry selections, do vocal quality, fluency, enunciation and gestures enhance communication?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Delivery</i> <p>Is the communication clear and does it convey the mood or idea of the selection(s) as a whole? Does the speaker demonstrate emotional involvement with the selection(s)?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Overall Effect</i> <p>Is the reading effective - a good vehicle for interpretation?</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please provide additional comments here. You may also use the back of this ballot. 	

Rank: _____ place. Give one 1st, one 2nd, one 3rd, and all remaining speakers 4th

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

Judge _____ Affiliation _____