



Judge Worksheet

JV Persuasive

Description

The competitor has a maximum of 5 minutes to present an original, factual, memorized speech on a meaningful subject that is designed to inspire, reinforce, or change the beliefs, values, or actions of the audience. Persuasive is designed to encourage the communication of thought-provoking topics and ideas in an effective way.

General Rules

- The speech must be an original work, scripted word for word by the competitor.
- The material must be prepared and used for the current LCC season only. Speakers may not use the same speech in two separate categories at the same tournament.
- The speaker will present a persuasive speech on any subject he or she chooses.
- Humor and satire are permitted.
- All direct quotes should be cited within the speech.
- Props, costumes, and audio-visuals are not allowed.
- Memorization is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting is allowed.

Violations

- Exceeding the time limit will result in a **one rank** violation.
- Use of a script or notes will result in a **one rank** violation.

Tabulation Form Instructions:

1. Rank speakers according to rating points assigned on the ballot (highest point speaker gets 1st place, etc.). Place rankings in Column 1. **There can be no ties in rankings.**
2. Transfer all violations from ballots to Column 2. If there are no violations, proceed to last step.
3. If violations exist, add Column 1 and 2 for each speaker and place sums in Column 3.
4. In Column 4, break any ties by advancing the speakers (e.g., from 3rd to 2nd place) with no, or fewer violations.