



## Judge Worksheet

# Platform Apologetics

### Description

The competitor shall have a maximum of 10 minutes to present a speech on a question or statement (chosen from a list prepared beforehand by LCC ) that requires a biblical defense of their faith. The question addressed should be stated from the viewpoint of today's non-believer. The speech should center on spiritual truths that unbelievers wrestle with and would discuss in a real life situation. The speaker's goal is to articulate a logical, well-reasoned and evidence-supported response to their stated question in a gracious and humble manner that encourages a favorable reception by an audience that may hold to a different view.

### General Rules

- Speaker must state the question that is being responded to.
- There should be a minimal amount of religious terminology. Religious concepts, and/or any biblically referenced stories, illustrations, etc should be explained in enough depth to make the intended application understood by an individual with no prior knowledge of the Bible.
- Wording and structure of speech should be directed to a religiously diverse audience.
- Above all, both the content and the delivery of the speech should communicate a humble, sincere and gracious attitude that fosters a positive rapport with those that may not share the same faith.
- Props, costumes, and visual aids are prohibited.
- Memorization is required. No scripts, notes, or prompting is allowed.

### Violations

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

### **Tabulation Form Instructions:**

1. Rank speakers according to rating points assigned on the ballot (highest point speaker gets 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> place) with no, or fewer violations.