



## Judge Worksheet

### Persuasive

#### Description

The competitor has a maximum of 10 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.
- Directly quoted material may comprise a maximum of 30% of the total words in the speech.
- All outside sources should be cited within the speech. This refers to direct quotations, theories, concepts, and general ideas.
- 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** 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.