

INTERNATIONAL INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

PERSUASIVE SPEAKING

Directions: Please write comments if there is sufficient time. These sheets will be returned to the students at the end of the tournament. When the round is over, please give ballot to the timekeeper.

Contestants Name : _____ Contestants Code: _____

Round: One ___ Two ___ Final ___

Scoring Guidelines

50 - 59
Poor

60 - 69
Weak

70 - 79
Average

80 - 89
Very Good

90 - 100
Superb

Category	Score
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Analysis of Problem, Knowledge of Topic	[max = 30]
Persuasiveness of Solution; Logic, Appeal	[max = 20]
Originality of Approach	[max = 20]
Delivery	[max = 30]

Total Points	[max = 100]
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Length of Speech: _____.	Time Penalty (if any) _____.
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FINAL SCORE	
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Note: If the sum of the categories doesn't equal the total score, we will assume that we should use the overall total unless you check here: _____ use the sum of the categories

Comments:

Judge: _____

Room: _____

Number of Judges in the room: _____

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- This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic, although this does not mean that humour and wit might not be useful at points in the speech. Topics should not be primarily of a personal nature.
- A problem/solution approach must be taken, i.e. speakers must identify a problem (it need not be an earth-shattering one) and propose, or at least examine, one or more solutions to it.
- Speeches should be prepared beforehand and should be from 7 to 13 minutes in length, with a three minute grace period on either side.
- Props may not be used. If notes are used, only a single 3 x 5 inch index card of notes is allowed, although competitors should bear in mind the fact that judges tend to be more impressed by speakers who do not use notes.
- There must be a persuasive element to the speech, although this may take a number of forms. For example, the persuasive aspect might be in convincing the audience that a problem does in fact exist, or in convincing them of the causes of the problem, or that the speaker's proposed solution will solve the problem.
- There will be a time penalty of 2 points for speeches which are up to 30 seconds under 7 minutes or up to 30 seconds over 13 minutes. There will be a time penalty of 10 points for speeches under 6 minutes and 30 seconds or over 13 minutes and 30 seconds.
- Salutation is optional