# High School Judge Cheat Sheet

Directions: 1. Go to live.speechwire.com 2. Click ballot & enter phone number, select YES. 3. When in room, press "Start Round" in Speechwire. 4. Type comments while competitors perform. 5. First, save 30 characters of comments minimum for all competitors. SAVE 6. Then enter ranks (1st being best) & points 90-100 (no ties). SAVE. \*Ballots are open all night to add more comments.

## Extemporaneous (EX)

#### Draw:

In a prep room (not your room), competitors are presented with a choice of three current event questions related to national/international current events. The competitor has 30 minutes to prepare a speech answering the selected question. Judges will receive competitors one at a time, in 10-minute increments. Don't wait for all competitors to arrive.

#### Judging:

- •Time: Up to 7 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- Time violations cannot place first (30 second grace period).
- Students may use the provided index card (they may not use their own or paper) during their speech, but should not be reading directly from it. It must be memorized.
- Factually accurate
- Organized, focused on topic, research referenced.

## Original Oratory (OO)

Competitors write. memorize, and deliver a problem/solution speech with the intent to persuade the audience on a topic of significance. It usually has a problem, with causes, effects, and solutions. Competitors should remain in the room for the remaining competitors' speeches.

- Judging:
- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- Time violations cannot place first (30 second grace period).
- NO NOTES (Paper or Digital)
- Those using notes should not rank first
- Organized, flows, easy-to-follow.
- Clear message
- Relatable to any audience
- Cited evidence to support the cause, problem, and a solution that could mitigate the problem.

#### After Dinner Speaking (ADS)

ADS is an original, informative and entertaining memorized speech up to 8min.exluding laughter delays.

#### Judging:

- Time: up to 8 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch).
- Time violations cannot place first (30 second grace period).
- . NO NOTES (Paper or Digital) and no visual aids or props.
- The speech should have serious undertones with a thesis and demonstrate clear organization.
- · The primary purpose is to entertain.
- · Humor is very subjective. Please be open-minded. but if you find something overtly offensive or inappropriate, let them know in your comments. NOT by telling them they are BAD!
- The speech should NOT be:
  - A series of unrelated jokes.
  - A skit or vaudeville performance.
  - Dependent upon impersonation. although character suggestion and use of dialect in telling jokes or stories are permissible.
  - A speech that is "acted out."

## Declamation (DEC)

Competitors memorize and deliver a portion or portions of a printed, published, & publicly delivered speech previously performed by someone else (commencement addresses, historical speeches, political

speeches, celebrity speeches, etc.). There will be a brief introduction to the piece near the beginning of the speech.

#### Judging:

- Time: up to 10 minutes (only valid if timed with stopwatch)
- Time violations cannot place first (30 second grace period).
- NO NOTES (Paper or Digital)
- Those using notes should not rank first
- Entertaining, relatable, & flows
- Speech choice appropriate for competition

### Impromptu (IMP)

Students have 7 minutes to prepare and give an improvised speech without notes.

#### Draw:

(One speaker at a time) The judge has the speaker draw three prompts from an envelope. The speaker will choose one. The 7 minutes will start once the speaker chooses the topic (that topic is no longer valid for any other competitor). Competitors should remain in the room for all speeches.

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- No scripts/notes • 7 minutes includes Time violations shouldn't rank first preparation time and giving the
  - **DUO** Students do not touch or have eye contact except during the introduction.

Interpretation

(HI, DI, DUO)

Competitors cut.

memorize and perform

their interpretation of a

printed published,

publicly accessible piece

(script, movie, story,

novel, etc.) including

either single or multiple

characters. PROPS

ARE NOT PERMITTED

(any item is considered

a prop: chair, floor,

table, etc.). In DUO,

competitors may not

make eye contact, nor

touch. There will be a

brief introduction to the

piece near the beginning

of the piece.

#### Content/Delivery:

- Entertaining
- Piece should be challenging & appropriate for competition.
- Not mimicking the original, but an interpreted message using original wording.
- Characters clearly defined and differentiated.

#### **Program Oral** Interpretation (POI)

Students deliver interpretative readings of published prose, poetry, or drama (plays) thematically linked from two or three genres. The contestant must address the script; however, introduction and transitional may be memorized.

#### Judging:

- Time: up to 10 minutes
- Time violations should not place first (30 second grace period).
- Maintains impression of reading from script in black binder
- · Different types of literature should be cut into one cohesive, themed performance.
- · Characters should be distinguished and unique from each other.
- Manuscript book can be used as a prop.
- Blocking movements should enhance not distract and convey emotions, motivations, and physical factors.

### **Content & Delivery:**

- Piece choice challenging and appropriate for competition.
- Eye contact & Confident
- Volume & speaking rate

#### Informative (INFO)

A self-written speech on a topic of their choice, using logic and evidence to inform not advocate. Visual aids are allowed. All research should be cited verbally.

- Judging:
- Time: up to 10 minutes
- · Time violations should not place first (30 second grace period).
- Focused on topic
- Organized and factual information with support of sources.
- · Should educate and entertain
- · Visual aids are engaging and have smooth delivery

#### Delivery

- Eye contact
- Organized, knowledgeable. and informative
- Confidence
- Smooth delivery

- articulation, poise, tone, speed, body language)
- Please make detailed comments on each ballot (positive & areas of improvement).
- Speaker Points: 90 to 100 (highest points to 1st)

#### In ALL Speech Events:

- Please look for the following: eye contact, confidence,
- Rank: 1st to last place, no ties.
- **DISCLOSURE of RESULTS ANY round is PROHIBITED.**

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#### Public Forum (PF) Student Congress (CON) Lincoln/Douglas Debate (LD) Contestants in Student Congress become Team event that advocates or rejects a position posed Each debater will try to show why their position by the resolution. Teams will be assigned pro/con legislators charged with the task of fulfilling the responsibilities of the US legislative branch of the prior to the round, indicated on the ballot. federal government. There is a chamber of 15-25 the opponent's. Debaters will be assigned aff/neg Argument Time Purpose competitors, as well as a PO (Presiding Officer-will Aff: Speaker 1 run the room using Parliamentary Procedure) 4min Present Team's Case onstructive Argument Neg: Speaker 1 4min Regulations: Present Team's Case Constructive Argument Student speeches are up to 3 minutes (PO Speaker 1 from both Crossfire will announce speech times) 3min teams alternate asking Questioning and answering question Legislation authors have 2 minutes mandatory questioning period Aff: Speaker 2 Refute the opposing 4min Rebuttal side's arguments All other questioning periods are 1 minute. Neg: Speaker 2 Refute the opposing Students may not have visual aids 4min Rebuttal side's arguments Speech should be on appropriate topic/side Speaker 2 from both Crossfire Focused on topic, organized, factual accuracy. 3min teams alternate asking **Ouestioning** good composition, references and answering questions Crystallize the round and Eve Contact, confidence. Aff: Speaker 1 3min zero-in on the most appropriate/professional tone Summary important points Crystallize the round and Score every speech - points range from 1 Neg: Speaker 1 3min zero-in on the most (poor) to 6 (excellent). Summary important points Speech Scores: 1 (poor) - 6 All 4 debaters involved (excellent). Competitors can tie speech Grand Crossfire 3min in asking and answering **Ouestioning** questions at once Rank Competitors: 1 (best) - 8 (look at Aff: Speaker 2 Explain reasons they how many speeches they made, how 2min Final Focus should win the round many points you gave for each speech, Neg: Speaker 2 Explain reasons they their decorum towards the chamber. 2min Final Focus should win the round participation, questioning, etc.)

(3minutes of prep time given for each team)

Focused on topic, organized arguments, factual accuracy, cited evidence to support points, countered arguments presented by opposing team

Confident, respectful of other team

Please make detailed positive and constructive comments on each student

Competitors should not receive extra

help determine ranking if the speech

Your opinion on the topic should not

points for questioning, however it should

ballot.

points are tied.

influence the ranking.

- Your opinion on the topic should **not** influence the
- 10sec, grace period for each argument. Judge stops time Each team receives speaker points ranging from 25-30 **points** (highest total points goes to winning team) and should reflect your win/loss decision. Please justify your decision and provide constructive feedback to each team.

supports the more important principles inherent in their position and why that position is superior to

prior to the round, indicated on the ballot.

		Time	Purpose					
	Argument	Limit						
		(Minute)						
	Affirmative	6	Present the	ı				
	Constructive	Ü	affirmative case					
ıs	Negative	3	Negative asks	ı				
1	Cross-		questions of the aff	ı				
	Examination		•	ı				
	Negative	7	Present Neg case and	ı				
	Constructive	7	refute Aff case	ı				
ıs ıd	Affirmative		Affirmative asks	1				
	Cross-	3	questions of the neg	ı				
	Examination			ı				
	First Aff		Refute the negative	•				
	Rebuttal	4	case, rebuild aff case	ı				
ıd	Negative		Refute the aff case,	ı				
ıu	Rebuttal		rebuild the neg case,	•				
		6	offer reasons neg					
1			should win	•				
g	2 <sup>nd</sup> Aff		Address neg reasons,	1				
	Rebuttal	3	offer why aff should					
	reduttal	3	win	E 2				
	(4minutes of prep time given per debater)							
	<ul> <li>Focused on topic, organized arguments, factual</li> </ul>							
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- accuracy, cited evidence to support points, countered arguments presented by opposing team
- Confidence, respectful of other team, appropriate/professional tone
- Your opinion on the topic should **not** influence

Each debater receives speaker points ranging from 25-30 points (highest total points goes to winner) and should reflect your win/loss decision. Please justify your decision and provide positive, but constructive feedback to each debater.

#### Policy Debate (CX)

Team event that advocates or rejects a proposition posed by the resolution. Teams will be assigned pro/con prior to the round, indicated on the ballot.

Argument	Abbrev	17		ime Limit (Minute)			
1st Aff Constructive			AC	8			
Neg Cross of Aff				3			
1 <sup>st</sup> Neg Constructive			NC	8			
Aff Cross of Neg				3			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aff Constructive			2 AC	8			
Neg Cross of Aff				3			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Neg Constructive			2 NC	8			
Aff Cross of Neg				3			
1st Neg Rebuttal			NR	5			
1st Aff Rebuttal			AR	5			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Neg Rebuttal			2 NR	5			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Aff Rebuttal			2 AR	5			
(8 minutes of prep time given per team)							

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- Focused on topic, organized arguments, factual accuracy, cited evidence to support points, countered arguments presented by opposing team
- Confident, respectful of other team
- Your opinion on the topic should **not** influence the ranking.

Each speaker receives speaker points ranging from 25-30 points (highest total points goes to winning eam) and should reflect your win/loss decision. Please ustify your decision and provide positive, but constructive feedback to each team.

Public Forum Debate: Nov/Dec 2024: Resolved: The United States should substantially reduce its military support of Taiwan.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate: Nov/Dec 2024: Resolved: The United States ought to adopt a wealth tax. Policy Debate: 2024-2025 Topic Resolved: The United States federal government should significantly strengthen its protection of domestic intellectual property rights in copyrights, patents, and/or trademarks.

DISCLOSURE of JUDGE DECISION and/or CRITIQUE of ANY round is PROHIBITED. \*TYPE IN THE BALLOT FEEDBACK WHILE COMPETITORS ARE

SPEAKING TO SAVE TIME. We cannot start the next round or finish the tournament until all ballots are submitted. You will have time to edit/change/add additional feedback after the ranks, points, and decision is submitted.