



# PERSUASIVE JUDGE WORKSHEET

NAME OF JUDGE \_\_\_\_\_

ROOM \_\_\_\_\_ ROUND# \_\_\_\_\_

*A Persuasive speech is an original platform speech attempting to persuade the audience to adopt a particular point of view or course of action.*

### Judging Rules

- The speech must be an original work, scripted word for word by the competitor.
- The speaker will present a speech intended to persuade on any topic.
- Material must be prepared and used for the current NCFC A season only. Speakers may not enter the same speech in more than one event at the same tournament.
- Humor and satire are permitted.
- Props, costumes, audiovisuals, and gratuitous vulgarity are not allowed.
- Only feet are permitted to touch the floor at any time.
- Students are permitted to express opinions which are contrary to those of the judge.
- Directly quoted material may comprise a maximum of 30% of the total words in the speech.
- All outside sources must be cited within the speech. This refers to direct quotations, theories, concepts and general ideas.
- No notes or prompting are allowed.
- Use of a script is allowed at a Qualifying Tournament, Regional Invitational or National Open but requires a penalty of two ranks.
- Audience laughter, which extends the time of a piece, should not penalize the speaker.
- Time limit: 10-minute maximum; no minimum time.

### Tabulation Worksheet Instructions

- Rank presentations according to preference, 1 being the best, 2 being second best, etc., in the *Original Rank* column.
- Record penalties from the violations portion of the ballot in the *Penalties in Rank* column. Record a zero for no penalties.
- For violations requiring a penalty, the Ballot Checkers will assist you with the *Re-Ranking* and *Final Rank* columns.
- If there are no violations, fill in the *Final Rank* column.
- Circle the final rank on each corresponding ballot.

NAME OF SPEAKER	TOPIC	ORIGINAL RANK	PENALTIES IN RANK	RE-RANKING	FINAL RANK
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