



**Round:**                      **Speaker Code:**                      **Speaking Time:**                      **Judge:**

## **Extemporaneous Speaking Comment Sheet**

The extemporaneous speech should be an original synthesis of current fact and opinion on the designated topic as presented by numerous sources. The contestant should be held accountable for strict adherence to the precise statement of the topic drawn. The information presented should be pertinent and sufficient to support the central thought of the topic.

The mechanics of speech must be observed faithfully –poise, quality and use of voice, effectiveness and ease of gesture, emphasis, variety and enunciation. In addition, the contestant must be able to interpret the full meaning of the oration and be able to carry the interpretation over to the audience.

At the scheduled time for the beginning of the round, the contestants will enter one at a time to speak in the order in which their code numbers have been posted. Before speaking, the speaker must submit to the judge the topic drawn. It is recommended that the judge write the topic on the comment sheet for each individual competitor. The contestant may use a note card, to be submitted to the judge at the conclusion of the speech with the contestant's code number clearly indicated. All note cards will be turned in with the ballot. Remember that you are judging the contestant's performance, and you are not judging the topic drawn. All contestants shall remain in the room following their performance until all speakers have spoken, unless a contestant is double entered.

*In semifinal and final rounds only: Each speaker will cross-examined by the prior speaker in a cross examination lasting two minutes. The first speaker shall give a speech and at the conclusion of the first speaker's speech, the last speaker shall pose questions to the first speaker. The last speaker shall return to the prep room and the first speaker shall stay to question the second speaker. The second speaker will question the third speaker, etc. Questioners may make notes during the speaker's speech but not use them in questioning.*

**Presentations should be appropriate for all audiences.**

### **Circle the Place (Rank) in this round (1<sup>st</sup> is best – no ties)**

**1<sup>st</sup>                      2<sup>nd</sup>                      3<sup>rd</sup>                      4<sup>th</sup>                      5<sup>th</sup>                      6<sup>th</sup>                      7<sup>th</sup>                      8<sup>th</sup>**

*Please list your observations and recommendations to assist the competitor in improving in specific areas:*

**Competitor Does Well**

**Competitor Needs Improvement**

<b>Answered Question Effectively</b>	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
<b>Development of Analysis</b>	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
<b>Use of Evidence</b>	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
<b>Demonstration of Knowledge</b>	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
<b>Clear, Coherent Organization</b>	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
<b>Quality and Use of Voice</b>	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve
<b>Poise &amp; Presence</b>	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Could Improve

**Please use this holistic rubric to give appropriate feedback to the contestant.**

**Rate the Performer in this Round (ties are permitted)**

<b>Outstanding</b>	<b>Excellent</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Could Improve</b>
<b>30 or 29</b>	<b>28 or 27</b>	<b>26 or 25 or 24</b>	<b>23 or 22</b>	<b>21 or 20</b>