



Montana High School Association
 1 South Dakota Avenue
 Helena, MT 59601

INSTRUCTION AND SUMMATION BALLOT

EXTEMPORANEOUS SPEAKING

Round Number: Section Number: Judge:

General Instructions to Judges:

Timing: Contestants will use a kitchen timer, setting the timer at one second over the maximum time allowed. The timer should start at the beginning of the presentation, timing down. When the presentation is completed, the judge will record the time showing on the timer (time remaining).

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 posed.

Before speaking, the speaker must submit to the judge the topic drawn.

The contestant may use one side of one 4x6 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 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.

In the final round only: Each speaker is assigned a speaker order. Each speaker shall pose a question to the next speaker in the order. The first speaker shall give a speech and the last speaker shall take notes and/or listen. At the conclusion of the first speaker's speech, the last speaker shall pose a question of not more than one minute in length. The first speaker will have two minutes to answer. The last speaker shall return to the prep room and the first speaker shall stay to listen to and question the second speaker. The second speaker will question the third speaker, etc. Where there are less than five students in a final round, there will be gaps of time between contestants so that all have equal preparation time. Questioners may make notes during the speaker's speech but not use them in questioning.

All material in the presentation should be appropriate to audience of all ages.

Speaking and Order Code	Record the Time Remaining (time to nearest second)	Circle rank in round (one is best)							
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PLEASE BREAK ALL TIES