



# JUDGE'S MASTER BALLOT

**CIRCLE EVENT:** Impromptu Speaking    Modern Oratory    Oral Reading    Storytelling

## INSTRUCTIONS

Each judge should use a copy of this form to rank each of the presentations in the contest. Please do not confer with other judges before ranking students. Judging decisions are an individual responsibility. Refer to the *Constitution and Contest Rules* or Evaluation Sheet for the criteria used to evaluate the presentations.

**DISTRICT** \_\_\_\_\_ **SECTION** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADE LEVEL** \_\_\_\_\_ **ROUND**     Prelims     Finals

<b>SPEAKER NUMBER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>JUDGE RANK</b>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____	_____

*Judge's signature* \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR EACH JUDGE



# Contest Director's Ranking Sheet for a panel of judges in speaking events

**EVENT** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION**    I        II        III        IV        FINALS

**BEFORE RANKING, CHECK THE FOLLOWING**

- Evaluation sheets have ranks       Speaker order       Length of presentation

**CRITERIA FOR DETERMINING PLACES AND BREAKING TIES**

Follow this order to place all contestants.

1. Majority (Watch for the "or better" language in determining a majority.)
2. Lowest sum
3. Judges' preference
4. Decimal equivalentents

**NOTES**

1. See Section 1003 of the *Constitution and Contest Rules* or the *A+ Handbook* for a full discussion of this procedure.
2. Ties must be broken before other contestants are placed.
3. Be careful! The lowest total does not automatically win. Follow prescribed order of criteria for each ranking.
4. A computer program is available for multiple judge tabulation. See the UIL Web site.

Speaker Number	Judge I	Judge 2	Judge 3	Totals	Preference*	Decimal Value*	Rank
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							

\* Judges' preference and decimal values are used only to break ties.



**A+ IMPROMPTU SPEAKING TOPICS**  
2015-2016 Invitational  
**PRELIMINARY ROUND**

1. The world would be a better place if...
2. One way to overcome a fear...
3. A good listener...
4. One goal I have for myself is...
5. A day that stands out is...
6. One thing I have learned from watching cartoons is...
7. The person I look up to the most is...
8. If I could time travel, I would go...
9. The best career is...
10. As a mad scientist, my favorite invention is...
11. Homework is harmful to your health because...
12. A few ways to become a millionaire are...
13. Once upon a time a frog said to a deer...
14. My favorite dream I have had is...
15. A conflict I have overcome is...

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1. I realized my first impression was wrong when...
2. My personal hero is...
3. If the Earth could talk, it would say...
4. An example of making lemonade out of lemons was when...
5. An effective leader is someone who...
6. If I was stranded on a desert island, three items I would need are...
7. If I could be a different age...
8. The farthest place I would want to visit is...
9. I am most thankful for...
10. What makes me different from other people is...
11. If I could make one thing disappear, it would be...
12. When I am eighty years old, I hope I have...
13. Something I learned from someone else was...
14. The most important qualities a president should have are...
15. One way I am similar to my family is that...

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2. I have never been more frightened when...
3. The character from a book I would most like to meet is...
4. Counting your chickens before they hatch can...
5. If and when I raise my own children, I will never...
6. People are like windmills because...
7. One invention that makes my life easier is...
8. I stuck up for someone one time when I...
9. The qualities that make a best friend are...
10. If I were an insect, I would be...
11. The best lesson I ever learned was...
12. If I were president of the United States, I would...
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2. One issue happening in the news that I am passionate about is...
3. One way to encourage children to be healthier is...
4. The word courage means...
5. The best teacher I ever had...
6. The person who inspires me to be a better person is...
7. Violent video games...
8. The definition of beauty is...
9. The saying, "Two wrongs don't make a right" means...
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2. When I am at the dentist's office...
3. If I could spend ten minutes with the president, I would ask...
4. One quality I admire in others is...
5. In twenty years, technology will have evolved by...
6. If I could travel back in time and re-live one day, it would be when...
7. If a shoe and a sock had a conversation, they would say...
8. One thing I would change about my school is...
9. If I could become an expert in any subject or activity, it would be...
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2. The word integrity means...
3. Actions speak louder than words...
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