Persuasive Speaking

Directions: Please write comments, one strength and one next step, in the space provided. These sheets will be returned to the students at the end of the tournament. When the round is over, please give your ballots to the moderator.

Contestant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Code: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Room: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Round: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

SCORING GUIDELINES

70-75 76-70 80-85 86-89 90-95

Satisfactory Average Good Very Good Excellent

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| Category | Score |
| Identification of problem and effectiveness of solution | /30 |
| Knowledge of topic and use of evidence | /30 |
| Clarity of thought and structure of speech | /20 |
| Delivery and persuasiveness | /20 |
| Total | /100 |
| Length of Speech  (Judges: Do not deduct time penalties):  Min: 7 min Max: 11 min |  |

Note: If the sum of the categories does not equal the total score, we will assume that we should use the overall total.

Comments:

Judge: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Number of Judges in the Room: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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This speech is designed to persuade and must be on a serious topic, although this does not mean that humour and wit might not be useful at points in the speech.

A problem/solution approach must be taken, i.e. speakers must identify a problem (it need not be an earth-shattering one) and propose, or at least examine, one or more solutions to it.

Speeches should be prepared beforehand and should be from 7 to 11 minutes in length. Props may not be used. If notes are used, only both sides of a single 3 x 5 inch index card of notes is allowed, although competitors should bear in mind the fact that judges tend to be more impressed by speakers who do not   
use notes. There must be a persuasive element to the speech, although this may take a number of forms. For example, the persuasive aspect might be in convincing the audience that a problem does in fact exist, or in convincing them of the causes of the problem, or that the speaker’s proposed solution will solve the problem.

There will be a time penalty of 2 points for speeches which are up to 30 seconds under 7 minutes or up to 30 seconds over 13 minutes. There will be a time penalty of 10 points for speeches under 6 minutes and 30 seconds or over 13 minutes and 30 seconds.

Salutation is optional.

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