



RADIO COMMENTARY BALLOT

Student Name _____ Round _____ Section _____
 Student Code / School _____ Judge Name / Affiliation _____
 Topic _____ Length of Speech _____

Please comment on the following areas using the questions as guides. See reverse for OSAA rules.

Introduction

- Did the introduction catch your interest and clearly indicate the belief and/or action that the speech would support?

Content

- Was the speech clearly organized?
- Were there effective transitions between ideas?
- Did the speech contain compelling reasoning and clear evidence of critical thinking by the speaker, versus a mere recitation of facts?
- Did the speaker provide evidence, examples and/or analysis to support the ideas expressed?
- When used, were sources appropriately cited?
- Was the word choice selective and discriminating?

Delivery

- Was the speaker's delivery fluent, natural and communicative?
- Did the speaker clearly enunciate?
- Was the pace of the speech appropriate?

Overall Effectiveness

- What was the total impression of the speech and speaker upon you, the critic, as compared to other speakers in the round?

CIRCLE THE NUMBER BELOW THAT INDICATES THE RATING OF THIS SPEAKER. TIES ARE PERMITTED.

EXCELLENT					GOOD					FAIR									
50	49	48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31

RANK THE SPEAKER COMPARED TO THE OTHER SPEAKERS. NO TIES ARE PERMITTED.

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OSAA RADIO COMMENTARY RULES

1. **Communication among judges during the round.** Judges must make independent decisions. Judges shall not discuss decisions with other judges prior to turning in ballots. Timekeepers may share the length of a given speech only. If questions arise regarding the rules or conduct of an event, judges shall ask at Speech State Championships headquarters.
2. **Subject.** The speech shall be an original news commentary dealing with current events of the current school year.
3. **Scripts.** The script is to be an analysis of news, not simply a running synopsis of news. It is to be original and written by the contestant. A copy of the manuscript, including the bibliography, must be available if requested by the Speech State Championships Director at the District or Speech State Championships. Failure to provide a manuscript if requested may be used as a basis for disqualification from the Speech State Championships.
4. **Quoted Material.** The speaker may use no more than seventy-five quoted words including all short words such as "a", "an", "the", etc.
5. **Length.** The script should be timed to end between 4:45 and 5:15 minutes. Any speaker ending before 4:45 minutes or after 5:15 minutes shall be disqualified.
 - a) Time signals shall be given to the speaker indicating the amount of time the speaker has used, not time left.
 - b) No contestant may be disqualified if a stopwatch was not used for timing.
6. **Procedure.** Contestants shall be out of sight of the judges.

The script is to be read from a manuscript or printed page, and not committed to memory. It is not to be acted nor highly dramatized.
7. **Changing Speeches.** The radio speech used at the District Tournament must also be used at the Speech State Championships.