



RADIO COMMENTARY

ROUND _____ SECTION _____ ROOM _____ JUDGE _____ HOUR _____

- 13.16.1. 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 tournament headquarters.
- 13.16.2. Subject.** The speech shall be an original news commentary dealing with current events of the current school year.
- 13.16.3. 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.
- 13.16.4. Quoted Material.** The speaker may use no more than seventy-five quoted words including all short words such as "a", "an", "the", etc.
- 13.16.5. 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. No contestant may be disqualified if a stopwatch was not used for timing.
- 13.16.6. 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.
- 13.16.7. Changing Speeches.** The radio speech used at the District Tournament must also be used at the Speech State Championships.
- 13.16.8. Bibliography.** The script must include a bibliography of no fewer than two sources.

	SPEAKER	SELECTION	RATING	RANK
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____	_____

NO ORAL CRITIQUES

Judge's Signature _____