

FLORIDA FORENSIC LEAGUE  
SPEAKER CRITIQUE SHEET FOR IE / SPEECH EVENTS

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Event:           International Extemp                                   Domestic Extemp

Speaker's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Room #: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Topic of Performance: \_\_\_\_\_

**Judge Instructions:**

***Please use the space below to write substantive comments about the performance of the speaker.** If you run out of room continue your comments on the other side. **It is important that you identify both areas of strength and areas for improvement.** We have provided criteria to use in your evaluation of the speaker. Questions regarding rules of the event may be answered in the FFL Judging Manual or by the tournament official at the ballot check-in table. Evaluate the speaker using the following criteria. There is a seven minute maximum time limit (with 30 seconds grace). **Please do not penalize unless you give clear time signals and are using a digital timer.** There are to be no props or costumes.*

**TAPE YOUR QUESTION HERE**

**Criteria For Evaluation**

**Judge Remarks**

**Topicality:** Did the speaker state and answer the question accurately? Was the speech organized so that the content therein was relevant to the question's answer? Speakers must not be penalized for expressing views with which the judge happens to disagree.

**Structure:** Did the speaker's introduction gain your attention? Was a clear thesis stated? And did the speaker provide a roadmap as to how the speech will develop? Was the speech easy to understand? Did the conclusion provide a recap? The conclusion should succinctly summarize the speech's main points highlighting how they led to the question's answer.

**Content:** Did the speaker substantiate and support their thesis? Did the speaker provide supporting material from qualified sources? There should be a clear explanation that helps the listener follow the speech's flow and appreciate the use of supporting material.

**Language:** Is the word choice clear and potent? Did the speaker use rhetorical devices and figures of speech effectively?

**Voice, Diction, and Delivery:** Is pronunciation acceptable? Is enunciation distinct? Is the performer speaking clearly? Are pitch, rate, and volume appropriate? Is there enough vocal variety? Do gestures and expressions contribute to the interpretation of the material?

**Physical Delivery:** Did the speaker do the following: vary facial expression to accentuate the natural flow of thoughts and feelings, convey emotion through their eyes to communicate thinking and feeling, make eye contact with the audience? Were the speaker's movements controlled without being distracting? movement if used should be motivated by transitions in thought or mood. Gestures should be visible, effectively used for emphasis, and varied.

**RANKS & POINTS**

*Judges: See the Master Ballot of the Florida Forensic League Judging Manual if you have questions about assigning ranks & points*

This speaker earned a rank of \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ speakers in this round. (Ranks are 1-6/7; no ties)

This speaker earned a total of \_\_\_\_\_ points in this round. (Points are 80 - 100); ties are permitted)

Judge Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Judges Please Print Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_