



TABLE TOPICS SPEECH CONTEST

Tiebreaking Judge's Guide and Ballot

Names of Contestants

JUDGING CRITERIA [SEE OVER FOR DESCRIPTION]		SUGGESTED POINT VALUES				Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name	Name
		E X C E L L E N T	V E R Y G O O D	G O O D	F A I R									
SPEECH DEVELOPMENT Opening, body, close, organization, smoothness	C O N T E N T 55	30	23-29	17-22	0-16									
EFFECTIVENESS Logic, directness, enthusiasm, achievement of purpose, Audience response		25	18-24	11-17	0-10									
PHYSICAL appearance, body language	D E L I V E R Y 30	15	11-14	6-10	0-5									
VOICE flexibility volume		15	11-14	6-10	0-5									
LANGUAGE Appropriate to speech purpose and audience, good grammar, pronunciation, word selection	L A N G U A G E 15	15	11-14	6-10	0-5									
TOTAL SCORE (100 POINTS POSSIBLE)														

(Detach and submit to Chief Judge only)

Tiebreaking Judge's Official Ballot

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(ALL SPEAKERS MUST BE RANKED)



Name of Contestant (First and Last name):

First _____ Fourth _____ Seventh _____
 Second _____ Fifth _____ Eighth _____
 Third _____ Sixth _____ Ninth _____

(Signature of Judge)

(Judge's Name : Please PRINT)

JUDGING CRITERIA

Content (55%)

SPEECH DEVELOPMENT is the way the speaker puts ideas together so the audience can understand them. The Table Topics response is structured around a purpose, and this structure must include an opening, body and conclusion. The response is supported by relevant examples and illustrations, facts, and figures, if appropriate, and is delivered smoothly.

EFFECTIVENESS is your subjective judgment of how the response came across. Were you able to determine the speaker's purpose? Did the speech relate directly to the given question or topic? Was the response clearly and logically presented?

Delivery (30%)

PHYSICAL presentation of the response carries part of the responsibility for effective communication. The speaker's appearance should reinforce his or her response. Body language should support points through gestures, expressions and body positioning.

VOICE is the sound that carries the message. It should be flexible, moving from one pitch level to another for emphasis, and should have a variety of rate and volume. A good voice can be clearly heard and the words easily understood.

Language (15%)

LANGUAGE refers to the choice of words that relate to the response. Language should promote clear understanding of thoughts and should fit the occasion precisely. Proper use of grammar and correct pronunciation will show that the speaker is the master of the words being used.

JUDGE'S CODE OF ETHICS

1. Judges will consciously avoid bias of any kind in selecting first, second and third place contestants. They will not consider any contestant's club, area, division or district affiliation. Nor will they consider any contestant's age, sex, creed, national origin, profession or political beliefs. They will demonstrate the utmost objectivity.
2. Judges will not time the speeches and will not consider the possibility of under-time or overtime when judging a contestant's speech.
3. Judges will support by word and deed the contest rules and judging standards, refraining from public criticism of the contest and revealing scores and ranking only in accordance with official policy.