

VICTORY FLUENT FORUM

INTER-SCHOOL DEBATING & SPEECH ADJUDICATION COUNCIL

OFFICIAL 100-POINT ADJUDICATION STANDARD

INTER-SCHOOL EXTEMPORE SPEECH JUDGING RUBRIC

Standardized 100-Point Scoring Matrix for 60-Second Impromptu Speech Tournaments (Grades 4–12)

CONTESTANT NAME / ID	GRADE / COHORT	TOPIC DRAWN	ACTUAL TIME (SEC)

EVALUATION PILLAR	MASTERY (22–25 PTS)	PROFICIENT (18–21 PTS)	NEEDS DRILL (<17 PTS)	SCORE
1. Argument Architecture P.R.E.P. Structure (25 Pts) Hook • Core Stance • Reason • Evidence • Punchline	Flawless P.R.E.P. hierarchy. Gripping opening hook (quote/paradox) within 8s; seamless transitions; 2 solid logical reasons; zero circular rambling.	Clear stance and example present. Logic flows coherently though transitions are predictable ("My second point is..."). Minor drift at 30s.	Lacks definitive stance. Repeats identical thought multiple times. Jumps erratically between topics without concluding synthesis.	/ 25
2. Voice Dynamics & Clarity Vocal Modulation (25 Pts) Audibility • Pace (110–130 WPM) • Diction • Zero Fillers	Audible, room-filling projection; strategic dramatic pauses (1–2s); pitch variation underscores conviction; complete absence of filler sounds ("umm/like").	Clear pronunciation and good volume. Occasional mild filler under pressure (1–2 instances); slight rush in speech pace during the middle 20 seconds.	Inaudible or monotone delivery. Excessive verbal fillers (> 5 "umm/uhh/like" words). Breathless racing or prolonged awkward pauses.	/ 25
3. Composure & Presence Stage Poise (25 Pts) Eye Contact • Open Stance • Micro-Gestures • Composure	Commanding podium presence. Confident eye contact sweeps all judges; open shoulder posture; natural hand gestures; smiles through surprise topics.	Steady posture; maintains good eye contact but occasionally checks floor or ceiling when ideating; minor nervous weight shifting.	Visible distress; trembling hands or fidgeting; avoidance of judge eye contact; rigid or hunched body language throughout delivery.	/ 25
4. Chronometer Control Time Management (25 Pts) Target Window: 50–60 Seconds • Warning Bell at 45s	Finishes between 54–58 seconds with a polished punchline delivered precisely before the 60s final gong. Masterful pacing calibration.	Finishes between 45–50 seconds, or slightly rushes concluding punchline right as the final 60-second warning bell strikes.	Stops prematurely under 35 seconds (immediate deduction) OR abruptly cut off mid-sentence by the final bell at 60s.	/ 25

STANDARD PENALTY SCHEDULE	SCORING BENCHMARK TIERS
Speech finishes < 45 Seconds: -10 Points	90 – 100 Pts: Championship Tier Gold Podium Ready
Speech finishes < 30 Seconds: -15 Points	78 – 89 Pts: Distinguished Orator Inter-School Finalist
Exceeding 60 Seconds (Cutoff Gong): -5 Pts per 5s over	65 – 77 Pts: Proficient Speaker Solid Foundation
Excessive Verbal Fillers (> 5 instances): -5 Points	50 – 64 Pts: Developing Speaker Structure Required
Reading from Paper Notes / Written Chit: Disqualification	< 50 Pts: Foundation Needed Drill PREP Scaffolds

ADJUDICATOR FEEDBACK & HIGH-PRIORITY GROWTH DRILLS:

Adjudicator Name & Signature	School / Academy Seal	FINAL SCORE: ____ / 100
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