

Judge Instructions – *Humorous Duo Interpretation*

Description of Event

A team of two competitors has a maximum of 10 minutes to present a humorous cutting from a dramatic script. It must be from a stage play script, a radio script, or a movie or television screenplay. Content shall not contradict biblical principles but does not have to be spiritual in nature. The tone of the selection should be primarily humorous. Use of Forensic Notebooks containing the script is required. A maximum of 60 seconds is permitted toward the beginning of the presentation for original memorized words required to introduce the piece. The introduction may be given by one or both partners. Title and author must be clearly stated in the memorized introduction presented with the Forensic Notebooks closed. A maximum of 45 seconds for an optional teaser is permitted before the introduction. The competitors may take on different characters or speak as a single character. Duo partners shall not make direct eye contact with each other or touch each other when in character. Movement is restricted to center stage, with each competitor's presentation space limited to a square no larger than one step in any direction from that competitor's center starting position. Duo partners may combine and share their presentation spaces during the presentation.

Things to Look for in a Good Presentation

The competitors should select and arrange a well-written script and bring it to life for the audience. The selection should be primarily humorous in nature. Humor used should be appropriate. The selection should develop a clear storyline or theme and come to a satisfying and conclusive end. Competitors should use distinct postures, gestures, movements, and voices to vividly portray the stages of emotion of each character. Main characters should be well developed and come alive throughout the progression of the piece. The competitor should employ off-stage focus during character dialogue. The introduction and/or teaser should grab the attention of the audience and create interest in the rest of the presentation. The use of the Forensic Notebooks should be effortless and natural.

Violations to Watch For

- Lack of forensic notebooks containing the script will result in a **two-rank** violation
- Failure to state the title and author during the introduction will result in a **one-rank** violation
- Exceeding the time limit will result in a **one-rank** violation

Master Ballot Instructions

1. On the Master Ballot (the top page of the ballot pack), fill in the original rank of each competitor next to their name in the Rank column.
2. *To figure the original rank, give the competitor with the highest number of points, 1st place; the second highest number of points, 2nd place; and so on. It is possible to have a tie in points between competitors on individual ballots, however, the tie MUST be broken when figuring the rank.*
3. In the Violation(s) box, write the name of each competitor who had one or more violations. Write the total number of violations next to his/her name.
4. Circle the final rank on the top three individual ballots ONLY if there were NO violations for all competitors in the round. Do not circle any ranks if the round included any violations. Proceed to ballot check for review of your ballots. Ballot check staff will apply violations and final ranks.