

VARSlTY INFORMATIVE BALLOT

Judge Name: _____

Judge: Please do not discuss this ballot with anyone.

Topic of Speech: _____ **Time:** _____

Rate the competitor's effectiveness in each of the categories on the scales given below. Please write comments to elaborate on the way the competitor was rated. (This will help both students and coaches.)

Introduction: (8 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Captures audience attention and creates interest • Justifies significance of topic chosen • Provides clear and appropriate thesis statement • Previews main points Main Body: (14 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Has clear understanding of topic chosen • Points in speech clearly support (prove) thesis statement • Supports position using evidence • Presents unique, relevant facts beyond common knowledge • Content is coherent and well-organized • Uses clear and smooth transitions between main points • Cites credible sources properly The Conclusion: (4 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Reviews thesis and main points • Reinforces significance of topic chosen • Provides closure of speech • Presents memorable ending Vocal Delivery: (8 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Variety of pitch, rate, volume, rhythm • Clarity, enunciation, pronunciation of speech Physical Movement: (6 points possible) Points Given: _____ • Appropriate eye contact maintained • Effective gestures • Purposeful movement	Comments:
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Optional Visual Aids: Appropriate when use enhances audience understanding or impact of the speech.
[All visuals must be attached to a black presentation board no larger than 20" x 30". No audio or 3D objects permitted.]

Total Points given: _____	20 (or less) -----	30 -----	40 -----
	Poor ←-----	Average -----	→ Superior
	After rating points are assigned, rank ballots in order of rating points given.		

Violations:

Use of a script, notes, prompting [Disqualification, Affecting Rank DO NOT RANK]	Lack of proper citations [1 rank violation]	+ Overtime [1 rank violation]	=	_____
				Total Violations

Transfer FINAL RANK from Tabulation Form if 1st, 2nd, or 3rd : 1st 2nd 3rd