

## Judging Rubric: 2024 Speak-Off Event

<i>Indicators</i>	<i>Strong evidence that indicators are present</i>	<i>Moderate evidence that indicators are present</i>	<i>Little evidence that indicators are present</i>	<i>Points earned</i>
<b>Introduction</b>				
<b>Opening Sentence or Device</b>	The speaker used a very strong opening to capture attention. (4-5 points)	The speaker captures some attention with opening. (2-3 points)	The speaker did not use a strong opening. (0-1 points)	
<b>Theme and Topic Introduction</b>	The speaker clearly introduced the topic and theme of the speech. (4-5 points)	The speaker introduced the topic and theme of the speech somewhat clearly. (2-3 points)	The speaker did not clearly introduce the topic and theme of the speech. (0-1 points)	
<b>Content</b>				
<b>Speech Organization</b>	The speech was well organized and easy to follow. (8-10 points)	The speech was fairly organized and easy to follow. (5-7 points)	The speech was not organized well and not easy to follow. (0-4 points)	
<b>Quality of Research and Mastery of information</b>	The speech indicated quality research and mastery of the information. (11-15 points)	The speech indicated some research and limited mastery of the information. (6-10 points)	The speech indicated very little research and very little mastery of the information. (0-5 points)	
<b>Speech Coverage of Topic</b>	The speech covered the topic very well. (11-15 points)	The speech covered the topic adequately well. (6-10 points)	The speech did not cover the topic well. (0-5 points)	
<b>Delivery Skills</b>				
<b>Speaking Style</b>	The speaking style was fluent and did not sound memorized or read. (8-10 points)	The speaking style was mostly fluent and occasionally sounded memorized or read. (5-7 points)	The speaking style did not sound fluent and sounded memorized and/or read. (0-4 points)	
<b>Eye Contact</b>	Eye contact consistently used as an effective connection. Consistently looks at audience. (11-15 points)	Eye contact is mostly effective and consistent. (6-10 points)	Speaker made very little eye contact with audience. (0-5 points)	
<b>Ease of Speaker</b>	The speaker was physically at ease and used appropriate gestures. (11-15 points)	The speaker was physically at ease most of the time and made some appropriate gestures. (6-10 points)	The speaker was not physically at ease and made few or no appropriate gestures. (0-5 points)	
<b>Conclusion</b>				
<b>Overall Impression</b>	Speaker gave a strong and effective speech. (8-10 points)	The speech was strong and effective most of the time. (5-7 points)	The speech was strong and effective some of the time. (0-4 points)	
<b>Total Score</b>				