

## Judge's Ballot

**Instructions:** Complete the following ballot without consulting with anyone. Award scores from 80 (weak) to 100 (strongest) and rank speakers from 1 (best) to 5 (weakest). There can be no identical scores and no tied ranks. Be sure your ranks correspond to the scores you have awarded. Provide brief comments in space provided. Finally, sign your ballot. At the conclusion of the round, give all ballots to the Room Manager. Do not discuss the round and/or your rankings with any other judge, with any competitor, or with any audience member.

**Round:** Prelim / Semi-Final / Final      **Section:** A / B      **Speech's time** \_\_\_\_\_/8 min.

**Speaker #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Speech Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTENT: Circle S, A, or W (Strong, Adequate, or Weak) to indicate a speaker's performance in the following areas:**

Speech is clearly structured.	S	A	W
Speech shows evidence of broad research.	S	A	W
Sources of evidence (citations) are adroitly woven into text of speech.	S	A	W
Speech demonstrates a creative, original approach to the topic.	S	A	W
Speech is primarily persuasive in its approach to the topic.	S	A	W
Speech includes a variety of support and uses sound reasoning.	S	A	W

**DELIVERY: Circle S, A, or W (Strong, Adequate, or Weak) to indicate a speaker's performance in the following areas:**

Speaker uses appropriate rate of speaking.	S	A	W
Speaker appropriately varies rate and incorporates pauses.	S	A	W
Speaker enunciates clearly and uses adequate volume.	S	A	W
Speaker maintains adequate, direct eye contact with audience.	S	A	W
Speaker's stance and movement suggest confidence and purposefulness.	S	A	W
Speaker's gestures are varied, well-timed, and energized.	S	A	W
Speaker's facial expressions are varied and appropriate.	S	A	W

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Score:** \_\_\_\_\_/100 **Rank :** \_\_\_\_\_/5

**Judge's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_