



AFTER DINNER SPEAKING

Directions: Please write comments if there is sufficient time. This sheet will be returned to the student at the end of the championship. When the round is over, please hand one sheet per competitor to the room manager.

Competitor's name: _____ **College:** _____

Title of Speech: _____

Round: One: _____ **Two:** _____ **Final:** _____

SCORING GUIDELINES

<u>50-59</u>	<u>60-69</u>	<u>70-79</u>	<u>80-89</u>	<u>90-100</u>
Poor	Weak	Average	Very Good	Superb

CATEGORY	SCORE
Quality of theme and ideas	_____ (40)
Quality of entertainment and delivery	_____ (40)
Adherence to format	_____ (10)
Organisation and structure of speech	_____ (10)

Time: _____ **Total Points:** _____ **(100)**

If the sum of the categories does not equal the total score we will assume that we should use the overall total unless you check here: Use the sum of the categories:

PLEASE LEAVE BLANK: **Time Penalty:** _____ **Final Score:** _____

Comments:

Judge's name: _____ **Room:** _____

How many judges are in the room? _____



EVENT GUIDELINES FOR JUDGES

1. An after-dinner is the kind of speech that is given after a formal dinner to an audience who have a common interest or share some aspect(s) of identity, employment or character (e.g. the left-handed society or the dental association).
2. This category includes the kind of speech given at a convention, e.g. by the Chairman or sales manager of a firm or specialised group, reviewing the practices, policies or employees of that firm or group.
3. The speaker must address an imaginary audience of his/her own choosing. He/she must deliver some new and relevant insights to them in a way designed to inform and entertain.
4. An after-dinner speech must not be just a stand-up comedy routine.
5. Although not necessarily human, both speaker and audience must be credibly capable of communication through speech: i.e. they may be vampires or aliens, for example, but they may not be animals. The only exception to this rule is that the speaker and/or audience may be animals if they are derived from books, films or plays/musicals in which they already have the power of speech - e.g. characters from 'Animal Farm'.
6. No props may be used.
7. The speaker may ask the chairman to announce who is being addressed immediately before he/she delivers the speech. In that case, a brief and suitable form of words must be provided. Otherwise the speaker will identify the audience in the opening lines of the speech.
8. Notes must be limited to both sides of one 3 x 5 inch card, and should be used as little as possible.
9. Each competitor must speak for 6 minutes, with a grace period of 1 minute on either side. There will be a time penalty of 2 points for speeches which are up to 30 seconds under 5 minutes or up to 30 seconds over 7 minutes. There will be a time penalty of 10 points for speeches under 4 minutes and 30 seconds or over 7 minutes and 30 seconds.
10. Salutation is optional if the chairman has identified the audience before the speech begins.

SCORING 101:

The best guideline for scoring is to ask yourself whether, if you had to select a high school student to speak at a dinner that you were organizing and that was very important to you, this is the one that you would pick.

- A mark in the **90's** means that you would be delighted to have this person as your speaker and his or her speech will be the high point of the evening.
- **80's** means that you would be happy to have this student as your speaker and he or she will definitely add to everyone's enjoyment.
- **70's** implies that the food had better be good because the speech certainly is not adding much.
- **60's** indicates that your dinner guests will probably never speak to you again.