



MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL LEAGUE

Speech Critique Guidelines For Discussion

The following items are to be used by each judge in evaluating the contestants in Discussion:

- 1. ATTITUDE:** objectivity, open-mindedness, considers all views, respect for others, cooperativeness, respect for group goal.
- 2. ETHICS:** sincerity preserves group goal, concern for group and its individuals rather than self-advancement.
- 3. INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE:** offers own resources for advancement of group task, documentation.
- 4. INTERPERSONAL SKILLS:** ability to give and receive feedback, awareness of group roles, understands appropriateness of contributions, maintenance of healthy group attitude.
- 5. LEADERSHIP:** guiding the discussion, internal summary, resolving conflicts, encouraging others to share resources.
- 6. LISTENING SKILLS:** offers verbal and non-verbal cues in response to others, ensure understanding before continuing.
- 7. REASONING AND ANALYSIS:** sense of direction, understands need for disagreement, thoughtfulness, awareness of task, inferences, deductions, support, use of fact, use of opinion.
- 8. SPEAKING SKILLS:** clarity of expression, vocabulary, clarification techniques, (paraphrasing, question, etc.)