

A) Judging Criteria

Evaluation contest (EC)

a) Analytical quality – clear, focused (40%)

Analytical quality refers to the effectiveness of the evaluation. Every evaluation should carefully analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the speaker's presentation. Were the evaluator's comments clear and logical? Did the evaluator identify specific strengths and weaknesses of the presentation?

b) Recommendations – positive, specific, helpful (30%)

Recommendations are an important part of an evaluation. An evaluator not only points out the strengths and weaknesses of a speech, he/she also offers specific recommendations for improvement. Recommendations should be practical, helpful and positive, and they should enable the speaker to improve his or her next presentation.

c) Technique – sympathetic, sensitive, motivational (15%)

Technique refers to the manner in which the evaluator presents his/her comments and recommendations. An evaluator should be sensitive to the feelings and needs of the speaker, yet inspire and encourage the speaker in his/ her future speaking efforts.

d) Summation – concise, encouraging (15%)

Summation is how the speaker concludes the evaluation. The conclusion should briefly summarize the evaluator's comments and suggestions, and be positive and encouraging.

B) Timing

For evaluation contest: each contestant is to speak within 1.5 to 3.5 minutes. The green light, amber light, and red light would be switched on after 2.0, 2.5, and 3.0 minutes respectively.

Note: for all contests, upon being the red light being switched on, the red light will remain on until the end of the presentation by the contestant. There is no indication of overrun of time, if any.