

**Arkansas Communication and Theatre Arts Association
Informative Speaking**

Performer _____ School Number _____

Title _____

Judge _____ Time of Performance _____

Type of Round:	Prelim			Semis			Finals		
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Ranking in Round: (No Ties in Ranking)									
Rating of Performance:	Superior			Excellent			Good		
							Fair		
							Poor		

Rules: If a rule is broken, judge should lower performers one ranking and rating

*Speaker does not use a script

*Speaker may move during presentation.

*Speech is an original speech designed to explain, define, describe, or illustrate a particular subject. Effective speeches provide new information or perspectives on a topic.

*The use of a visual aid is optional. If a speaker uses a visual aid it is to supplement and reinforce the message. **NO ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT IS PERMITTED.** See the NSDA Unified Manual for a complete explanation of what can't be used as a visual aid.

*Time limit, inclusive of introduction, is 10 minutes with a 30 second grace period. (If the performer goes beyond the 30 second grace period, the performer may not be ranked first.) There is no time minimum.

*Note: It is the expectation that performances are the artistic creation of the performer(s). It is plagiarism to copy a performance in detail from a video online. If there is suspicion of plagiarism, please be prepared to cite the source that was copied and consult with the tournament director. The tournament director will then consult with the coach of the performer(s) concerning consequences, which may result in their disqualification from the tournament.

Criteria	Not Evident	Needs Improvement	Basic	Proficient	Advanced
Speaker does not use a script.					
Speech is appropriate for speaker and audience.					
Speaker is not biased.					
Speech is organized with an introduction, body, and conclusion					
Speaker provides credible sources					
Appropriate body language is used during presentation.					
Appropriate gestures are used during presentation.					
Appropriate eye contact is given to the audience.					
Appropriate facial expressions are used during presentation.					
Speech enhances the knowledge of the audience					
Articulation and diction are clear.					
Projection of voice is appropriate for audience and presentation area.					
Appropriate rate changes are used during presentation.					
Speech is written by the speaker (speech is original)					
Speaker displays confidence and professionalism during presentation.					
Speaker enters/exits presentation area / round in a professional manner.					

Comments:

Judge's Signature