

Judges Scoring Guide

Scale	Score	Descriptor	Meaning	
Prepared Speech	3	3	Exceptional	Far exceeds expectations with outstanding quality and impact
		2	Satisfactory	Meets expectations with room for improvement
		1	Needs Improvement	Falls short of expectations; key elements are missing or unclear
		0	Unacceptable	Does not meet minimum requirements; incomplete, missing, or fundamentally flawed
	10	10	Masterful	Truly exceptional; sets a benchmark for excellence
		9	Excellent	Highly effective and polished performance
		8	Very Good	Strong delivery with minor areas for refinement
		7	Good	Competent and clear; meets expectations well
		6	Above Average	Acceptable but lacks impact or polish
		5	Average	Meets minimum standards; room for growth
		4	Below Average	Falls short in several areas
		3	Weak	Limited effectiveness; needs significant improvement
		2	Poor	Major issues in clarity, content, or delivery
		1	Needs Improvement	Does not meet expectations; performance is ineffective or unclear
		0	Unacceptable	Does not meet minimum requirements; incomplete, missing, or fundamentally flawed
Scale	Score	Descriptor	Meaning	
Impromptu Speech	2	2	Satisfactory	Meets expectations; clear and acceptable performance
		1	Needs Improvement	Falls short of expectations; key elements are missing or unclear
		0	Unacceptable	Does not meet minimum requirements; incomplete, missing, or fundamentally flawed
	6	6	Exceptional	Far exceeds expectations with outstanding quality and impact
		5	Excellent	Highly effective performance with strong clarity and polish
		4	Good	Competent and clear; meets expectations well
		3	Adequate	Meets basic expectations; acceptable but lacks impact
		2	Limited	Partially meets expectations; noticeable gaps
		1	Needs Improvement	Does not meet expectations; significant improvement needed
		0	Unacceptable	Does not meet minimum requirements; incomplete, missing, or fundamentally flawed